جوردان تلين يومية سيلسية تمعر بالإنجليزية عن للؤسسة المسطية الاربنية والرارب

NAIROBI (R) - About 25,000 more southern Sudanese refugeese have fled into Uganda to escape (resh fighting between government forces and rebels, a United Nations official said Monday. Ahmad Sayed Farah, representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR] in Uganda, said the latest influx brought to 63,000 the number of Sudanese who have crossed into the country this month. "About 25,000 have crossed since Friday," Mr. Farah said. "I am aftaid an estimated 60,000 more refugees may cross into Uganda." Mr. Farah said a further 4,800 Sudanese were reported to have crossed into Zaire. "It appears there is total confusion with villagers fleeing in different directions." Mr. Farah added. The Khartoum government launched an offensive against Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) rebels in the area was launched early this month. Churchmen and aid workers say the drive threatens to cut relief supply routes to huge areas affected by famine. SPLA officials told Remers on Monday fierce fighting was raging at Morobo, a village 15 kilometres north of the border town of Kaya

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King visits Oman

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein will Tuesday pay a brief visit 10 Oman for talks with

South Lebanon, arrived Monday for talks with Sultan Qaboos Ben Sa'id. Arab countries, including Oman, promised \$500 million in assistance following last month's Israeli blitz against guerrillas in South Lebanon. The Arab states of the Gulf region are expected to contribute the most, Mr. Hariri, accompanied by Arab League Secretary General Esmat Abdul Meguid, was in Bahrain on Sunday and then in Qatar before

Babangida to guit, his aide say

Reuters (see earlier story on page

delays Turkey trip

ANKARA (R) - Libyan Foreign Minister Omar Al Montasser postponed a visit to Turkey, due to have begun on Monday, at the last minute, the Turkish Foreign Ministry said. The ministry did not give a reason but the Turkish treasury said that talks on Turkish-Libyan trade ties, soured by huge debts owed by Libya to Turkish contractors, were going ahead. A Libyan delegation was due in Ankara on Wednesday for a three-day joint economic commission meeting. Mr. Montasser had been due to meet President Suleyman Demirel, Prime Minis-ter Tansu Ciller and Foreign

Mars probe 'missing'

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(0100 GMT Sunday).

Eroglu said Monday parliamentary elections would take place in the breakaway north of Cyprus on Nov. 28. The Tak news agency said Mr. Eroglu disclosed the early election date to visiting Turkish journalists in the port of Kyrenia. No other details were immediately available.

Pakistan bans street meetings

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - Pakistan's election commission has promulgated a code of conduct for the runup to the October elections, banning public meetings on streets and main roads and barring provocative sectarian speeches. A commission state-ment poblished Monday said no leader or candidate during the campaign shall call the leader or candidate of another party kafir (non-believer) or a traitor." The code, devised after consultations with leaders of the main parties, does not lay down any special penalnes for violations, which will be dealt with under the existing rules, officials said. The elections are being held under a gentral government formed after the resignation of former President Ghulam Ishaq Khan and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on July 18 under an army brokered settlement of the bitter political rivalry between them.

King: No reversal of decision to cut ties with occupied lands

'Question marks' over PLO's Gaza-Jericho proposal Assassination plot 'not surprising' because of frequent attacks

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Majesty King Hussein Monday ruled out any reversal of Jordan's 1988 decision to sever administrative and legal ties with the Israelioccupied territories noting that the severance of relations came upon the request of the Palesti-

"Our decision stands. There is no going back on it, and there is no point of discussing this ques-tion in any form," the King said io an interview with Agence France Presse (AFP).

"The Palestinian brothers had sought to shoulder their own responsibilities concerning their own cause with our full backing. As long as this is what they chose on the basis of Resolution 242, one can only go along this line and there is no room for going back in any way," he said. King Hussein said he was sur-

prised by a proposal from Pales-tine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat for a partial Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and called for urgeot talks with the PLO.

Combined agency despatches

ALGIERS — Some 2,000 people attended the funeral Monday of

assassinated former Algerian

Prime Minister Kasdi Merbah, as

one of the five suspects in the

killing was reportedly arrested.

Mr. Merbah was buried in "Martyrs Square" in the national

cemetery of Al Alia where some

the Algerian national movement

But as the funeral cortege set

off from Mr. Merbah's family

home his widow branded former

President Chadli Beojedid a

Her head shrouded io a white

shawl as a sign of mourning, Mr.

Merbah's widow, Mrs. Fatima,

briefly addressed the crowds

waiting outside her home in El

She said that Mr. Benjedid was

responsible for the deaths of all

intellectuals and joornalists,

accusing him of baving led Alger-

The independent daily Al

Watan reported Monday that a

suspect wounded in Saturday's

shootout had been arrested. No

other details were given,

although the paper reported that Mr. Merbah had fired back at his

assailants before dying. Mr. Merbah and four others

died when five gunmen sprayed

their two cars with bullets near

the ex-premier's summer home

on the outskirts of Algiers, family

Among the mourners at the

tions against Libya unless the

suspects in the December 1988

bombing of a Pan Am jet over

Lockerbie, Scotland, were sur-

U.S. and British officials want

to try the two Libyans in connec-

tion with the bombing, which

killed 270 people. France is de-

manding Libyan cooperation in

the investigation of the bombing

of a UTA airliner over Niger in

Col. Qadhafi reiterated that

Libya had nothing to do with the

Lockerbie bombing and said the

country has been accused for

it would surrender the two men

Last week, Libya repeated that

'political reasons."

1989 which killed 170 people.

rendered by Oct. 1.

Libya.

ia into its current chaos.

have been laid to rest.

murderer

The King said there had been "no coordination at all between Jordan and the Palestinians on the question of an Israell withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and

Mr. Arafat Saturday called on Israel to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank city of Jericho at the start of an Interim period of Palestinian self-rule. But the King said he had not examined the possibility of a par-tial Israell withdrawal from the

West Bank. The absence of coordination between the two sides raised "question marks" over the consequences of such a pullout, he

We are awaiting an opportun-. ity to look at this question and that of general coordination with the Palestinians as soon as possible in order to avoid any negative repercussions," the Monarch said, without claborating. Mr. Arafat arrived bere unex-

pectedly later Monday (see sepa-In his interview with AFP, the

funeral were Prime Minister-

designate Redha Malek, new De-

fence Minister General Lamine

Zeroual and former President

Mr. Merbah, 55, was buried

along with the four other victims

who died in the bloody attack, his son, Hakim, 25, his brother,

Abdul Aziz, 52, and his driver

bility for the ambush although

authorities have blamed Muslim

militants who, since January

1992, have waged a rebellion

against the military-backed gov-

ernment after it cancelled elec-

tions that the now-banned Islamic

Salvation Front (FIS) was poised

The small nationalist opposi-

tion party that Mr. Merhah

headed, the Algerian Movement

for Justice and Development.

hinted that other elements might

be behind the murders, calling it the work of "professional killers."

sought dialogue and national re-

conciliation," the party said in a

Merbah, who was also a former

head of the country's dreaded political police, had advocated

dialogue with Islamic extremists

to restore "civil peace" to the

president of the ruling High State

Council, was assassinated June

29, 1992, although it remains

unclear whether Islamic militants

were behind the killing.

Mohammad Boudiaf, first

As recently as July 12, Mr.

"They have killed the man who

No one has claimed responsi-

Ahmad Ben Bella.

and bodyguard.

to win.

statement.

negotiating team with Israel to seek clarification on the final status of the occupied territories, which the PLO leadership agreed should not be discussed unoil the third year of self-rule.

"It is necessary to have a precise idea on the final status" of the occupied territories, he said. King Hussein added it was "strange that while Arab ststes are discussing the status of their occupied territories the Palestinlans are negotiating an interim

step towards a final solution."
"The question I ask myself is, what is it an interim step to-On a possible federation or confederation of Jordan and the

occupied territories, he said: "All the choices must be made freely in the future by the two peoples."
"Such matters should be left to the people to decide on once they have freedom of expression and have the right to self-determination," he said.

"There is an occupied land with its people, and we hope that

of a tough crackdown on mili-

Mr. Merbah's assassination has

also revived a controversy be-

tween the country's political par-ties, some of which advocate

negotiating with the militants and

others which favour force to

crush the fundamentalist move-

Observers say the killing of Mr. Merbah was significant as he was a member of the opposition and

had expressed reservations about-

the government's cancelling the elections. He had also urged the

authorities to negotiate with the

On Monday, the Islamic Re-

naissance Movement (MRI) of

Sheikh Abdullah Djaballah con-

demned Mr. Merbah's killing,

saying in a communique that it

that blind terrorism was taking

It added that the assassination

France said it hoped the

appointment of a new Algerian

prime minister would lend im-

petus to its struggling programme of economie and political reform.

council sacked Prime Minister Abdul Salam Belaid Saturday

and appointed Mr. Malek to take

Algeria's five-man presidential

was aimed at "plunging the country in a dark hole that only serves

the interests of the West.

sounted to "a dangerous sign

now-banned FIS.

that their sufferings will end and they would be in a position to make their own choice."

In 1972, he said, "we put forward three proposals: Return to unity that existed before 1967; a union between Palestine and Jordan; or an independent Palestinian state."

"I remember that the PLO recognised U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 after Jordan's the King said.

However, he added, Jordan offered the idea of an umbrella to the Palestioians to peace talks with Israel in order to overcome obstacles in the way of holding the peace talks.

"Jordan will continue to provide all forms of assistance and backing to the Palestinians until they regain their homeland," he

King Hussein said he had "proof" that army cadets were involved in an Islamic fun-

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porter with agency dispatches AMMAN — Palestine Liberation

Salam Majali and other officials (Petra photo)

Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat arrived Monday to assess with His Majesty King Hussein the Middle East peace process before the 11th round of Arab-Israeli negotiations next

By a Jordan Times Staff Re-

In arrival comments, Mr. Atafat said that the Palestinians will not cede Jerusalem as their capital and that "Jerusalem is not solely a Palestinian issue but is of concern to all Arabs, Muslims and Christians."

The Palestinian president said that the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Gaza Strip and the occupied West Bank town of Jericho was one of the options to be discussed in the next round of Arab-Israeli talks.

The talks are also expected to focus on Palestinian-Jordanian committees set up during a visit by Mr. Arafat in July to lay the groundwork for confederation between Jordan and any future independent Palestinian state.

committee headed on the Palesti-

oian side by PLO Executive

Two of them, an economic

Najjab and a broder and security committee headed by Executive Committee member Yaser Amr, are scheduled to hold their first meetings on Tuesday [see pages 3 Mr. Arafat was asked whether

reports that he was ready to

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is received upon his arrival here Monday by Prime Minister Abdul

Arafat arrives, says Jericho

no substitute for Jerusalem

accept such a limited Israeli with drawal at this stage were true and whether it meant that he was ready to accept Jerieho as a "temporary capital" for a Palestinian government headed by him. He said the Palestinians in-

sisted on Jerusalem being their capital and that Jericho eannot be a substitute for the Hnly City. Mr. Arafat, who will arrend the meeting of the joint Jordanian-

Palestinian committees opening: here today, was received upon arrival by Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali and Minister of Salam Al Majali and Minister of we are proud of, is an old and State for Prime Ministry Affairs legitimate wish, but his resigna-Jawad Al Anani and other officials.

King Hussein was expected to meet the PLO chairman later Monday. Mr. Arafat expressed hope that

the 11th round of Arab-Israeli peace talks will be fruitful. "Let's ecutive Committee was unified in supporting Palestinian policical moves. A recent meeting held in Tunis and attended by the Palestinian delegation to the peace talks confirmed the PLO's unity, he said.

He said that Mahmoud Darwish, a member of PLO Executive Committee, did not resign but suspended his political activines to dedicate more time to wrining.
A PLO spokesman told the

Palestinian news agency WAFA that resignations had to be submitted to the Palestine National Council, which elects the executive. The last session of the PNC

was in 1991.
"The wish of brother Mahmoud Darwish to devote his time to his creative work, which non has not yet been examined." a PLO statement said in Tunis.

Mr. Darwish, a noted poet, said on Friday he had resigned from the Executive Committee to give all his time to his intellectual

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Executive Committee to meet on PLO crisis

Combined agency dispatches

AMMAN — The Palesone Liberation Organisation (PLO) will meet Thursday in Tunis to discuss a financial and poliocal crisis crippling the organisacion, a committee member said Monday.

The PLO's leadership called

for the meeting to examine the organisation's internal and financial situation, Abdul Rahim Mallub, a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine's (PFLP) political bureau. told AFP in Amman.

A prominent member of the 18-strong committee, poet Mahmoud Darwish, announced his resignation on Thursday and Shafiq Al Hout, the PLO's represemative in Lebanon, said Sunday be was suspending his participation in the decision-making

Military sources said Mr. Zaarub, who had been in military custody on arms charges since May 4, died of pneumonia, but Palestinian officials said he died as a result of army brutality while

nisation for Human Rights has asked the state prosecutor to investigate whether the prisoner had been placed in an icy cell during interrogation and to explain why he was not admined to

Another group, the Palestine Human Rights Information Cen-

An Israeli opposition party acccused the government Monday of ripping down protest banners across the country because they opposed any return of the Golan

dres of signs to advance their political views," said Gonen segev, a parliament member from the far-right Tsomet party.

oons were in the offing, adding that "a growing number of Exwere very concerned about the PLO's political concessions." He said the PLO's insotutions

faced collapse due to the financial crisis facing the leadership. Mr. Malluh said he would attend, even though the PFLP has boycotted Executive Comminee meetings since November 1991 to protest against the condirions under which the Palestinians committed themselves to

the Middle East peace process. Another Executive Committee member, Tayseer Khaled of the Democratic From for the Liberation of Palestine, blamed the current crisis on corruption in the leadership's upper ranks. The financial blunder

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'Confidence crisis,' page 10.

body. Mr. Malluh said other resigna-Iraq: U.N. talks should aim at lifting sanctions

end of this month should also discuss Baghdad's demand that world trade sanctions be lifted.

The talks will be a follow-up to world trade sanctions be lifted. An Iraqi Foreign Ministry

statement, read to the Associated Press in Amman by telephone. confirmed that Baghdad would participate in the Aug. 31 talks. Those talks are aimed at re-

solving an impasse over the deployment of monitoring cameras at Iraqi missile sites. The eameras have been installed, but are not yet switched on, pending the outcome of the New York talks. The ministry statement said

Iraq wants the talks to include the posible lifting of internationalsanctions imposed on Iraq after its Aug. 2, 1990 invasion of

AMMAN (Agencies) - Iraq in- Britain still firmly in favour of sisted Monday that technical talks sanctions, Iraq is not expected to with the United Nations at the make much progress towards lifting the punitive measures im-

the July visit to Iraq by Rolf Ekeus, head of the U.N. Special Commission charged with destroying Iraq's non-conventional and long-range weapons.

General Amer Rasheed, head of Iraq's military-industrial commission, will head Baghdad's delegation to the meetings, said a ministry statement. In an interim compromise to

avert a U.S. attack, Iraq agreed to the placement of cameras at the missile sites. But they will not be activated unless the talks in New York resolve various issues on long-term monitoring.

On the basis of the agreement

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Sheikh Jaber in Syria

DAMASCUS (AP) - Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah arrived Monday for ralks with President Hafez Al Assad on the Middle East peace talks and

regional security. In Beirut, police defused a bomb at the entrance 10 a building housing offices of two Kuwaiii companies, a day before the emir's scheduled arrival in the Lebanese capital.

Shelkb Jaber arrived in Damascus from Cairo where he held similar discussions with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. A new round of Middle East peace talks begins Aug. 31 in Washington.

The emir and Mr. Assad also were expected to discuss the Damascus declaration, signed by eight Arab states in 1991. The plan involved stationing

iens of thousands of iroops from resource-poor but manpower-rich Syria and Egypt in the oil-rich but lightly populated Gulf, to help prevent a repetition of such events as the invasion of Kuwait. Is soon foundered and the Gulf states went their own way.

Syria and Egypt had sent troops to the Gulf region to join the U.S.-led coalition force that drove Iraq's army out of Kuwait. In Beirui, a police spokesman, who cannot be named in line with regulations, said the bomb, attached to a timer, was defused at 2:58 p.m. (1158 GMT) two minutes before its set-off time.

He said the bomb was planted at the entrance to an eight-storey building housing offices of Kuwait Airways and Bank of Lebanon and Kuwait in Beirut's Hamra commercial thoroughfare.

The airline is owned by the Kuwaiti government and most of the bank's shares are owned by Kuwaiti Defence Minister Sheikh Ali Al Sabah.

Sultan Qaboos Ben Sa'id, an official announcement made on Jordan Television said Monday. Hariri in Oman MUSCAT (AP) - Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri,

AGOS (R) — Nigeria's military refer General Ibrahim Babangida will step down on Wednesday, a sentor aide said on Monday, "I can assure you that he is leaving on Wednesday," the aide, who asked not to be named, told

Libyan minister

Meister Hikmet Cetin.

PASADENA (AP) - Space engineers say the "missing" Mars observer spacecraft probably was hit by a temporary computer glitch and is not lost in space forever. They repeatedly radioed commands in an attempt to get a response from the spacecraft, a high-tech robot designed to give scientists their most detailed global look at Mars. Even without a reply. Mars observer has auromaric computer programming to make it fire its thrusters and start orbiting the red planet an Tuesday. It then would try to contact Earth on Wednesday. sail Glenn Cunningham, manager of the \$980 million project run by Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Engineers lost touch with Mars observer about 9 p.m. Saturday

Turkish Cypriot premier sets election date

NICOSIA (R) — Turkisb-Cypriot Prime Minister Dervis



Musmmar Qadhafi

for trial somewhere other than the United States and Britain. But in the Scottish television interview, recorded last week, Col. Oadhafi raised the possibility the two suspects might agree to stand trial in the United States or Britain if diplomatie ties are res-

"We have been urging them to go and we want them to do that in order for America and Britain to get exposed, but they're very frightened because they say that those who have unjustly accused us could unjustly convict us,"

Col. Qadhafi said. "When these two people find

Qadhafi indicates switch in stand that their country has now established diplomatic relations with these countries, this would give them more confidence to go," he

During the 90-minute interview, the Libyan leader took a conciliatory tone to the U.S. and British governments.

He said there were "big possibilities" for cooperation between

Libya and the United States and spoke of the courage of "our friend," President Bill Clinton. He also spoke approvingly of British Prime Minister John Major, calling him "a good man" who was "close to the ordinary people." He said Mr. Major was not as aggressive as former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher be-

cause he did not have her woman's "inferiority complex." Col. Oadhafi blamed the U.N. sanctions, which were imposed in April 1992, for the crash last December of the Libyan Arab Airlines Boeing 727 in Libya with the loss of 157 lives.

Col. Qadhafi said the sanctions had stopped the airliners from getting spare parts and prevented technicians from travelling to Libya to check planes for safety.

"That is why the plane came down on a flight between Benghazi and Tripoli," he said.

srael to *|maintain* Muslim militants were blamed for attacks on three government ministers early this year. Mr. Malek, the premier-designate, is said to be in favour blockade of Palestinians

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) - Israel has approved conduced funding of jobs for a limited number of territories, signalling continuation of a controversial exclusion

Gad Ben-Ari, a spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzahk Rabin, said a budget of 45 million shekels (\$16 million) would fund "initiated work" for 15,000 Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.
This would keep the "make-

work" project going until the end of October. The decision is to continue

the same project created in May." Mr. Ben-Ari said. At that time the government allocated 511 million to fund jobs for Palestinians in the areas where they live during the months of

June and August.
Israel sealed off the Palestinians of the occupied territories in March after a rash of fatal attacks on Israelis by Arabs. The move cut off 100,000 Arabs from mostly menial jobs in Israel.

The closure was condemned by Palestinians for barring them from East Jerusalem, although Israel has been allowing about 50,000 workers to enter on limited permits to work in agriculture and on building sites. Meanwhile Palestinian sources

said that relatives of Sami Namat Zaarub, 33, who was found dead in his cell in the Gaza prison on Saturday, wanted a Danish coroner to conduct an idependent autopsy on his body.

in custody.

The Palestinian-Israeli Organospital.

tre, said more than 30 Palestinians have died in prison since the start of the anti-Israeli uprising in the occupied territories in December 1987.

Heights to Syria. "They are taking down hun-

With the United States and

Pelitioners try desperately to keep Demjanjuk in Israel

Change of law, repeated appeals in court, and 'prima facie evidence' among tools

By Ruth Ebenstein The Associated Press

TEL AVIV — Opponents of John Demjanjuk's release will do anything they can to prevent him from leaving Israel, they said Sunday even if it means changing the

law to get him retried.
"I'm already speaking with members of parliament from the left and the right," Avi Beker, a spokesman for the World Jewish Congress, told The Associated Press.

Israel's supreme court last month overturned a 1988 death sentence against the 73-year old Ukrainian-born Ohio auto worker for being Ivan the terrible, a Nazi camp guard who killed over 800,000 people at the Treb-

linka camp.

But it said there was convincing evidence he belonged to a Nazi guard unit that helped kill people and served in the Sohibor camp.

In all, eight high court justices and the attorney general have decided against a new trial, citing the danger of double jeopardy and saying legal proceedings against Mr. Demjanjuk have already dragged on too long.

The attorney general also noted that the original 1986 U.S. extradition order was only to allow Mr. Demjanjuk to stand trial for the charges relating to Treblinka. Nine petinoners disagreed.

and last week were granted until Sept. 2 to find new reasons to keep Mr. Demjanjuk in Israel to face trial for charges related to Sobibor and elsewhere.

Mr. Beker said he hoped the process would buy enough time to change the law so Mr. Demjanjuk would he tried.

"We want the parliament to initiate a motion saying the law dealing with Nazi criminals should be more flexible matters of extradition and double jeopardy," he



John Demjanjuk

Efraim Zuroff, a spokes-man for another U.S.-based petitioner, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre of Los Angeles, agreed that Israel needed pushing from the appellants to bring Mr. Deminative to bring Mr. Deminative to bring Mr.

janjuk to justice.
"The sad story is that instead of Israel doing the work itself, private organisations are forced to," Mr. Zuroff said in an interview.

"The trouble with Israel is we try to be holier than the Pope," Mr. Avraham Cassrier, an attorney representing eight survivors of Sobibor living in Israel, told the Associated Press. 'France would bave hung him, the Ukraine would have killed him, Germany would have locked him away forever."

Mr. Cassrier said his tactics would be to file and refile for appeal until Mr. Demjanjuk gets retried. He bopes to get a sitting of 11 jodges — the historic maximum for the court - to hear the appeal.

This would mean that the eight justices who have already said Mr. Demjanjuk should not be retried would have to step down temporarily, to be replaced by district

court judges. A statement from the Justice Ministry said that an appeal to an 11-justice court was theoretically possible.

Irwin Cotler, an expert on international law working with the World Jewish Congress, rejected repeated appeals, saying that if the supreme court rejected next month's appeal, that would be the end of it.

He preferred to focus on Israel's obligations under international law as an appeal

"The international law principle is overriding whenever a person is found in any inrisdiction against whom there is prima facie evidence of crimes against

bumanity," Mr. Cotter said. He said Israeli law was problematic in making an appeal stick, because the supreme court would be in the unusual position of overriding the attorney general if it ordered a new trial.

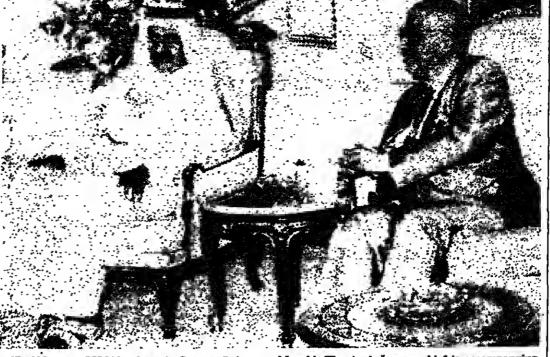
"The criterion is that the supreme court will intervene only if the attorney general was unreasonable in the extreme," he said. "That criterion in itself is unreasonable and inappropriate.

Mr. Zuroff said the Wiesenthal centre would address double jeopardy by introducing evidence that Mr. Demjanjuk was at other camps not mentioned in the original trial.
He admitted that all the

research was not in, but "we know that someone in those places in his position was involved in implementing the final solution," Mr. Zuroff said, using a Nazi euphem-

Yoram Sheftel, Mr. Demjanjuk's lawyer, has said the petitioners are exploiting Israeli's legal system to deny Mr. Demjanjuk his rights and has noted that the new charges have come late in the game, seven years after his

Mr. Zuroff conceded that point. "A lot of these avenues were not fully explored we had Ivan the terrible," he



LEBANON MISSION: Qatari Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Ben Khalifa Al Thani (left) Sunday with Arab League Secretary-General Esmat Abdul Meguid. The Arab League chief is accompanying Lebanese Premier Ralik Hariri on a visit to the Gulf states to raise funds for Lebanon (AFP photo)

Berne: No negotiations with PKK over hostages

BERNE (R) — Switzerland has said it would not negotiate directly with Kurdish guerrillas who bave kidnapped three of its cationals in south-eastern

Turkey.
"We will not negotiate directly with the PKK. The Turkish authorities are responsible for security in Turkey," Foreign Ministry spokesman Franz Egle

The Brussels-based Kurdish committee said oo Saturday the armed wing of the PKK (Kurdistan Labour Party), which is fight-ing for a separate Kurdish state, had seized four foreign tourists in its latest strike against Turkev's lucrative tourism industry.

Switzerland said later that three of its nationals - a young married couple and a man were missing, along with an Ita-lian. The Swiss are all from the southern caotoo of Ticioo. bordering Italy.

The Kurdish committee said the home countries of the four tourists should contact ERNK, the political wing of the banned PKK. But Turkey will oot allow any country to negotiate directly with the PKK, saying this would

imply recognition of the rebels. The Swiss foreign ministry ssueu a statement Sunday even-Ankara had asked Turkish authorities to help secure the principles.

Mr. Egle said contacts bad been going very well and that the Turkish authorities had been

"Very cooperative."
"The Swiss embassy in Ankara
has been in contact with the
Turkish authorities, with the aim of finding out where the hostages are, and asking Turkish support securing their release," ministry's statement said.

The ministry added there were indications that the PKK were behind the kidnappings" and said it had set up a group of experts whose aim was to secure the speediest possible release of

those kidnapped.
"The first task is to find out where the hostages are, and what is their state of health," the statement said.

Spokesmao Egle said he cold not confirm reports that the hostages were Jehovah's Witnesses. who were in the region to seek

the remains of Nozh's Ark.

Mount Agri (Ararat), which
lies just inside modern Turkey, is a popular site for Biblical researchers looking for the ark.
Jehovah's Witnesses are a

Christian fundamentalist sect which rejects all other religious and decominations, believes in immine of end of the world ing saying Switzerland's embassy and refuses to accept civil authority where it clashes with its own

Former first lady of Israel dies

TEL AVIV (AP) — Ofira Navon, the former Israeli first lady who brought a high profile to the joh by lobbying for the rights of the disadvantaged, died Sunday at 57.

Mrs. Navon, wife to fifth Israeli President Yitzhak Navon, died from lenkemia at Hadassah-Ein Kerem Hospital in occupied Jerusalem, Israel Radio said.

When her husband was inaugurated into the largely ceremonial post in 1978, Mrs. Navon raised the profile of a job that most of her predecessors were happy to keep low-key.

"It's a very hard job," she told Israel army radio in May after the latest president, Ezer Weizman, was sworn in. "But there is the satisfaction of the fact that you are at the centre of power, that you can use your ties, your ability to influence.

Mrs. Navon, a developmental psychologist, lobbied for the rights of the disabled and for children's rights.

In 1979, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and rejected a masteetomy, opting for ehe-motherapy and a lumpectomy. Later, she argued for the right of

Yitzhak Navon served as president until 1983. The couple represected Israel during its first peace treaty with an Arab state. the Camp David accords with Egypt, and during its most controversial war, in Lebanon.

By the time she was 19. Ofira Erez had been named "Sabarit" (native-born Israeli girl) of the year, and had represented Israel in a beaoty contest sponsored by the French magazine, Elle. She married Mr.. Navon in 1963.

She was the first Israeli-born first lady, and the couple was the first presidential "mixed mar-- he was a Sephardic, or Middle Eastern Jew, she was born to Ashkenazi, or Eastern

European parents. That mix, and the fact that they were the first to bring small children to the first family, made them symbol of the new Israel

There were other contrasts: He was the phlegmatic establishment politician; she was an outspoken career woman; he was the scion of a family that had lived in Jerusalem for years; she was a child of the new city of Tel Aviv.

After his presidency, Mr. Navon served as education minister from 1984-1991. Mrs. Navon, stung by press criticism of her outspokenoess, receded from the public eye hut remained a volunteer for her favourite causes. Mrs. Navon, survived by her

husband, ber daughter Naama, 20, and ber son, Erez, 19, was to be buried Monday, Israel Radio

QUEEN ALIA

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Nighttime bomb in Tehran injures four

NICOSIA (AP) — A bomb exploded before dawn Monday in the Iranian capital of Tehran, injuring four people, damaging cars and shattering windows, the national news agency IRNA said. The brief dispatch, monitored in Nicosia, said the bomb was planted in a car in the southern part of the city. The report gave few details at a car in the southern part of the city. did not say how serious the injuries were or who may have been responsible for the attack. However, the Mujahedeen-e-Khaiq, and Iranian opposition group based in Iraq, has claimed numerous attacks inside Iran this year. Also, tensions between Iran and Iraq, combatants in a brutal war from 1980-88, have been running high in

Somalis end protest at conditions in Egypt

CAIRO (R) — Hundreds of Somali refugees staging a protest at the U.N. offices in Cairo to demand more aid agreed to end their action on Sunday after Egyptian diplomats intervened. About 400 Somalis occupied the gardens of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refuges (UNHCR) office in Cairo. Some were there for five days and were on hunger strike. The Somalis agreed to stop their protest when an Egyptian diplomat, a UNHCR officer, and a Somali representative agreed they would visit the charity Caritas which is due to give them money. Their leader Basha Ahmad Abdi told Reuters the UNHCR had decided to give each family 350 Egyptian pounds (\$100) per month and each single person 100 Egyptian pounds (\$30). Both figures were much lower than those given to Somali refugees in other countries, Mr. Abdisaid. But UNHCR officer Bhairija Panday said no sum had been fixed and each case would be treated on its individual merits. About 7,000 Somalis in Egypt receive refugee help.

2 heid for smuggilng drug Into Israeli jail

TEL AVIV (AP) - Two men found out heroin does not go better with coke when they were charged Sunday with smuggling the white powder into jail in a soft drink bottle, Israel Radio reported. An alert policeman heard Avraham Maman and Yisrael Cohen shout out, "It's okay, it's in the coke," as they ended a visit with friends in the lockup in Rishon Lezion, a Tel Aviv suburb, the radio said. The policeman checked out the bottle, the report said, found 26 grammes of heroin, and marched the two back into the lockup for a taste of the real thing. The Petach Tikva magistrate's court detained the two on charges of drug possession Sunday, the

israell police catch four escapees

TEL AVTV (AP) - Police nabbed three of four prisoners Sunda who had escaped the Tel Aviv district prison the night before Israel Radio reported. The four had escaped when the ringleader, it former police informer, held up a guard at gunpoint and released the other three Saturday night. The escapees were caught in Jaffa, south of Tel Aviv, when a police blockade stopped them after they had careened around Tel Aviv in a stolen car, the radio said. Ail four attempted to escape on foot, but only one, Kaddafi Bairi from Jaffa, got away. Police recovered the .22 caliber pistol the ringleader had used to help his friends escape, when they caught the three, the radio said. They were investigating how he had obtained the gun. All four — two Arab Israelis from Jaffa and two Palestinians from East Jerusalem — were in prison on criminal charges. Mr. Bairl, 18, was in jail for car theft.

8 killed in Iran coal mine blast

NICOSIA (R) — Eight coalminers were killed and about a dozen were missing after an explosion at a state-owned mine in southeast Iran, an Iranian official said Monday. An official of the Mines and Metals Ministry said rescue teams had recovered eight bodies after part of Babnizou mine near the town of Zarand, 720 kilometres. exploded on Thursday. They were searching for about a dozen others they hoped would still be alive in the tunnels at the 'relatively large" mine, he told Reuters by telephone from Tehran. Tehran's Salam newspaper said 18 miners injured in the blast were being treated in hospitals at the nearby provincial capital of Kerman. The official said the ministry had sent a team of experts to investigate the cause of the blast at the mine, run by state-owned Kerman Coal Company.

Russian pilot commits suicide in Iran

NICOSIA (AP) — A Russian airline pilot has committed suicide by jumping out his hotel window in northwestern Iran, an Iranian newspaper reported Monday. The Farsi-language Salam said the 30-year-old pilot, identified as Anatoly Kopolin, killed himself Thursday by jumping out of his room, at the Jasm Hotel in Mashhad, capital of Iran's northeastern Khorasan province. The report, received in Nicosia, said the motive was not known. It did not say for which airline Kopolin worked. Kopolin's body was flown to Russia, it added. Several airlines from the Commonwealth of Independent States have scheduled flights to Mashhad.

Kuwait says Indian labour row solved

KUWAIT (R) - A Kuwait Foreign Ministry official said on Monday a row involving 130 Indian workers and a private manpower firm over contract terms had been solved. Jassem Ad Sabagh, director of the ministry's Asia and Africa's Department, said the workers, who complained they had been paid about half the 45 dinar (\$148) per month salary stipulated in their contracts, would be paid in full. He said the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour would ensure the workers received their full pay as cleaners and loaders of vegetable market trucks for Al Nibras Stevedoring and Cleaning Company. "Kuwait will keep respecting the rights of workers as it always did," Mr. Sabagh told Reuters by telephone. An Indian embassy official told the manpower company would start repatriating the workers in groups later this week. Diplomats said the workers had taken refuge at the Indian embassy last week for fear of violence after some alleged they were assaulted by Kuwaiti police during a labour dispute. The workers also said the company bad not honoured an undertaking to pay for end-ofcontract flights home.

Morocco builds new wonder of the world of Islam By Ali Bouzerda towers over the historic city accommodate 25,000 worceiling of the main hall. It is also one of the most

Reuter

CASABLANCA, Morocco A modern wonder of the world of Islam, it is designed to give worshippers the feeling that their place of prayer

is floating on water. To top that, its minaret reaches tailer than any other in the world.

Now, after six years of round-the-clock working. King Hassan Two mosque on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean, is finally complete. "Apart from Mecca and

the Prophet Mohammad's mosque in Medina, it will be the biggest in the Islamic World and a jewel bestowed upon all Moroccans," King Hassan said in an appeal for public donations for the mosque five years ago.

On Aug. 30, he will realise his dream when he inaugurates the huge mosque in time for the Prophet's birth-

King Hassan Two mosque, which combines high-tech with ornate Muslim tradition,

of Casablanca. King Hassan decided 10

build the mosque in memory of his father Mohammad V who died in Casablanca in 1961 but is buried in the capital Rabat. Elio Riello, assistant to

French architect Michel Pinseau, says its location is no accident. "Its geographical setting

was important as the mosque is the last or the first rampart on the land of Islam, whether you come from the East or the West." The waves of the Atlantic

- up to 10 metres high break against massive supports which protect the ground on which the mosque sits, giving the faithful the impression, while praying, that the great mosque is floating on water.

Officials say the king wanted it that way because The Koran refers to Allah's "throne over the water." Designed by Michel Pin-

seau, a personal friend of the king, the mosque can shippers inside its main hall. A wide polished marble esplanade around the mosque can accommodate a further 75,000 worshippers.

"The whole of St. Peters in Rome could fit inside the main building." one French architect said. "The minaret will be higher than the Great Pyramid Of Cheops," he

The ceiling, at its point, rises 65 metres above the

The white and green minaret rises 200 metres. A laser on the top projects a 30 kilometres beam east at night to show the way to the Holy City of Mecca. A mechanically-operated

roof opens in three minutes to transform the hall into an open-air assembly area. More than 10,000 craftsmen have decorated the interior of the mosque with mosaics and cedarwood ceiling carvings. Some are

embellished with gold leaf. A total of 2,500 pillars support the highly decorated

Fifty huge candelabras of venetian ocrystal, each weighing over a tonne, hang from the ceiling.

Hand made plaster stucco and geometric designs adorn the enormous central prayer

There are 124 fountains spouting water night and day for ritual washing underneath

The mosque has two huge mezzanines reserved for women and two steam baths - one for men and one for

A modern library, a religious school in adjacent buildings and parking space. for more than 1,000 cars make op the complex. The French company Bouygues began work on the

main building on Aug. 11,

The mosque is one of the most ambitious civilian construction projects undertaken in Morocco, a country of 26 million people, sioce inde-pendence in 1956.

expensive. King Hassan launched a

public subscription which raised more than three billion dirhams (\$320 million) by the end of 1990. The \$13 million contributors included 40,000 foreigners.

The Moroccan monarch contributed 6.8 million dirhams (\$800,000). Officials have not revealed the final cost but experts esti-

mate it could reach \$500 mil-Moroccan officials portray the mosque as a symbol of tolerance.

The Hassan Two mosque is the mirror of tolerant Islam," Interior and Information Minister Driss Basri

Asked about the mosque, Abdul Salam Yassin, 66, spiritual leader of the outlawed Al Adl Wal Ihsane (Justice and Charity) group, said:
"They say it's the biggest in

the world. We are pleased to

have it. We would like to be

able to preach and pray ibere, if ever they let us. JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

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Bucharest (RO)



Premier reviews government stands in lecture at Royal War College

Minister Abdul Salant Al Majali Monday delivered a lecture at the Royal War College in which he reaffirmed Jordan's stands with regard to the Middle East peace process, noting that Jordan was providing an umbrella for the Palestinians in the peace negotia-

Stating that the coming elections will be free and fair, the ptime minister pledged government action to ensure that the parliamentary elections are held in an atmosphere of freedom and

With reference to its economic policy, Dr. Majali said that the

government was seeking to encourage the private sector to assume its full role in contributing to the Jordanian economy and was encouraging investments by Jordanians and external con-

He said the government plans to set up an institution to cater to the needs of the Jordanian work-

Referring to public administra-tion, Dr. Majali said the government was working towards decentralisation in management and has already given provincial governors partial ministerial authority and power to speed up govern-

On relations with other Arab countries, the premier said Jordan has always sought to improve its ties with the other Arab conn-

Noting that Jordan was extend-ing a friendly band and an open heart to the Atab Nation, the printe nunister said that the Kingdom seeks to unify the Arab stand vis-a-vis the new world order so that nothing can be imposed on the Arabs against

Attending Monday's lecture

Ministerial visit to Tafileh focuses on governorate's needs

TAFILEH (Petra) - The government is proceeding with plans to decentralise, and programmes have been designed for each governorate in this respect, said Minister of Planning Ziad Fariz.

Speaking during a visit to Tafileh with the Ministers of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment, Public Works and Housing and Social Development, Dr. Fariz cited as an example plans for every governorate's fiscal budget for 1994 in a mannet That would ensure justice and provide budget for 1994 in a and provide appropriate services citizens.

The ministers' visit to the southern gov morate Monday, said Dr. Fariz, aims at paving the way for a study of its problems. The ministers are here for a

close hand study of the governo-

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be considered in the fiscal budget for 1991," said Dr. Fariz. The planning minister urged

the private sector to participate in the efforts towards developing the governorate through investment projects that can raise the living standards of local residents.

Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Mohammad Mahdi Al Farhan said at the meeting, which was attended by heads of local councils and notable citizens, that all requests related to city planning be taken into account and discussed by the provincial governors together with the heads of local councils.

Minister of Public Works Kha-1 laf Hawati said that the ministry was going ahead with plans to meet citizens' requests for agri-

rate's problems so that these will cultural roads. He said that sufficient allocations will be made in the 1994 budget for these pro-

> Minister of Social Development Mohammad Al Squur told the meeting that the ministry was cooperating with the local councils to improve social services. He said local citizens would be encouraged to carry out small-scale income-generating projects and

to help increase their incomes. Tafileh Governor Ahmad Lawzi reviewed the governorate's needs for roads and maintenance Afra baths. He also said the town councils were in need of engineers and technicians, and certain areas still lack industrial

The ministers visited several projects in the region as well as the Dana Wildlife Reserve.

Scholars to discuss **Muslims** and the minorities of Europe

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Arab Thought Forum (ATF) has invited scholars from Europe and the Islamic World to hold a a two-day Arab-European dialogue oncerning 'Mustims and the minoriues of Europe' in Ammun on Sept. I and 2

The announcement, made by the ATF Monday, said that the meeting will be the fifth session of Arah-European dialogue and will be held under the pationage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan who is the ATF president.

It said that the partwipants, who will be holding their meeting at the Forte Grand Hotel in Amman, will discuss the following topics: the current problems of immigration, causes of fun-damentalism in Arab countries, the extremist right wing movements, Muslims in Europe and their future, and human rights in Arab-European relations.

19-year-old hanged for murder of relative

AMMAN (AP) - A P)-year-old has been lianged for stabbing to death a relative in what appeared to be a contract killing, a security official said.

The youth, identified only as Munther S., was hanged Sunday at the Suwaga prison, 100 kilometres south of Amman, said the official, who tequested

Munther's cousin agreed to pay him JD2,000 if he killed her husband, who refused to grant a divorce, the official said, citing court evidence. The killing took place at Au-

jan, a town 20 kilometres north of Amman, in July 1992. The unidentified woman was sentenced to 20 years with hard labour. Her daughter and another person were convicted as accomplices and received prison terms of 15 years and 12 years, the official added.

Majali reiterates Jordan's support of Palestinian peace negotiators

5 Palestinian sub-committees formed for higher joint panel meetings soon

ter Abdul Salam Ai Majah Monday reiterated Jordan's continued support of the Palestinian delega-tion to the Middle East peace talks noting that the Kinedom seeks a settlement on all the Arab-Israeli tracks.

Speaking at a niceting with a delegation topresenting the Palestinian People's Party, the prime minister called for turther coordination among the members of the Palestinian delegation, noting that united ranks can help them to tegam their rights and bolster the Arab negotiators' stand.

The detegation leader, Bashir Barghouthi voiced his party's support for continued Jordanian-Palestinum coordination within the peace process framework and for defining the future Jordanian-Palestinian relationship after the Palestinians have regained their right to self-determination.

The two sides reviewed the Israeli-Palestinian talks and other matters related to the progress of the peace negotiations, according to the Jordan News Agency, Pet-

Petra said the two sides also discussed the fature Jordanian-Palestinian relationship.

Minister of State for Ptime Ministry Alfairs Jawad Al Anani and members of the Palestinian delegation to the peace negotia-tions Ghassan Al Khanh, Suleiman Al Najjab and Tayseer Al Aroun were present at the meet-

Meanwhile, Palestinian sources



Al Anani (left), delegation leader Bashir Barghouti Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali Monday meets with a delegation of the Palestinian People's (third from left) and Palestinian peace negotiators Party to review issues related to the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations. Attending the meeting were Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs Jawad

Tayseer Al Arouri (Petra photo) The sources said the Palestidaily Monday as saying that the mian side to the refugee commit-According to the sources, the tee will be led by Samir Ghosheh. Joint committees which had held formation of such-committees the water and Jerusalem cominitial meetings last mouth will mittee, by Mohammad Nashashibi, the security and botdet com-

Ghassan Ai Khatib, Suleiman Al Najjab and

resume their talks in Amman in the coming few days. The committees have been entrusted with the task of discussing

Cancer care nursing candidates meet minister on the country's economy in addi-

AMMAN (Petra) - A group of nurses, scheduled to start a postgraduate course at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. on caring for cancer patients. Monday met with Health Ministet Ahdut Rahim Malhas to review their new venture.

The group was selected by Al-Amal Cancer Centre to pursue a masters degree in nursing cancet nationts and work at the centre

after it starts operation next year.

The first stage — the construction of the centre - is over and we are now embarking on the second stage which is providing the expertise and the equipment for the cancer patients," said Dr.

Mathas at the meeting. The minister paid tribute to the national team which has been entrusted with setting up the can-

cer centre and the Jordanian

citizens who, he said, generously

were quoted by A! Ra'i Arabic

Palestinians have finalised the

which will be holding meetings

with fordanian such-committees

under the umbtella of the

Jordanian-Patestinian higher

joint committee formed last

contributed towards its construction and operation. Abdullah Al Khatib, a member of the national team, told the nurses that it was the first time in

the history of the Kingdom that a group is being sent abroad to

specialise in nursing concer pa-"I believe that Jordan will become a regional centre for medic-

of course, reflect most positively

Societies (GUVS).

meeting; Dr. Khatib announced that so far JD7,750,835 have been

al services, something which will,

committee.

At last week's national team

Addressing the meeting was Sawsan Majali who coordinated the study programme with Georgetown University officials.

She explained that the national team will finance the \$24,000 per

The course of study is expected

to last 16 months.

NEWS IN BRIEF

King congratulates Ukraine

AMMAN (Pettn) -- His Majesty King Hussein Monday sent a cable to the president of Ukraine, Leonid Kravchok, congratulating him in his name and on behalf of the Jordanian people and government on his country's national day. The King wished Mr. Kraychuk continued health and happiness and the people of Ukraine further progress and prosperity.

Minister, Turkish envoy review religious affairs

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Religious Affairs Abdut Salam Al Ahbadi received in his office Turkish Ambassador to Jurdan Mehmet Ali Irtemcelik, Mr. Abbadi and Mr. Irtemcelik discussed means of enhancing Jotdanian-Turkish cooperation in teligious

Labour delegation heads for Indonesia

AMMAN (Petral — Labour Minister Khaled Al Ghzawi left Amman Monday at the head of a Jordanian delegation to Indonesia. In a four-day meeting there, the minister will hold talks with the Indonesian ministers of labour and industry on labour-related fields. Issues ranging from control of the labour market and vocational training, to occupational safety procedures will be reviewed in the talks. Mr. Ghzawi is accompanied on the visit by Vocational Training Corporation (VTC) Director General Ahmac Atwan and the ministry of labour's advisor, Ayoub

Truck drivers demand special parking lot

AQABA (Petra) - Truck drivers operating between Aqaba and other cities have complained to the Jordan News Agency, Petra. that there are no special lots assigned where they can park their vehicles during the discharge and load-up periods in Aqaba, They said that this situation forces them to park alongside the roads next to the containers port. The drivers requested that the concerned authorities help them get a parking lot in order to avoid being fined by traffic police for violations of traffic rules.

Firms to display goods at Damascus fair

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan will take part in the Damascus International Fair due to open Saturday for two weeks. A spokesman for the Jordan Exports Development and Commercial Centres Corporation (JEDCO) said 76 Jordanian industrial firms will take part in the fair, displaying samples of their nationally mattufactured products. It said Industry and Trade Minister Bassam Al Saket will arrive in Damascus Saturday to attend the opening of the fair.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are comand the daily Arabic press. the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- Exhibition of paintings by 25 Jordanian artists at the Housing Bank exhibition
- Exhibition of paintings by Jordanion artist Biskara Naijar nt Eshbelia Art Gallery, Amra Shopping Cen-tre. The paintings depict Jordanian-Palestinian heritage, Jordanian antiquities, Arab Jerusalem, rural life and natural scenery.

LECTURES

A Lecture by Dr. Martha Joukowsky on "Excavations at the Southern Tem-ple of Petra" at the American Centre of Oriental Research (ACOR) at 7:00

PLAYS

- A Play entitled "Crescent
- Play entitled "Samiru and

piled from monthly bulletins Readers are advised to verify

- Night" at the Royal Coltu-ral Centre at 8:00 p.m.
- the Princess at the Royal Cultural Centre at 6:00

PLUM-FULL: A fruit vendor braves Amman traffic to sell fresh plums (Staff photo by Aynsiey Floydt

Visiting labour panel opens local dialogue

AMMAN (Petra) - An official representing the Asian-American Free Labour Institute (AAFLI) in the United States Monday opened a three-day dialogue on labour-related issues with the Fedetation of Jordanian Labour Unions (FJLU).

A FILU statement said the dialogue between John Sloane and the federation's executive buteau focuses on the Jordanian labour movement and its prob-

The two sides will also review national and pan-Arab issues directly related to labour unions. according to the statement. Such issues as labout disputes,

selection of union leaders, representation of unions in general meetings, workers' needs and rights are to be reviewed in the three-day meetings.

According to the statement the AAFLI is part of the American Federation of Labour and Congress of Industrial Organisations (AFL-CIO). Established in 1986, the AAF-

Li auw has offices in Indonesia, the Philippines Bangladesh. South Korea, Sri Lanka, and Turkey. The statement said that the

AAFLI tegulatly holds training seminars for labour union lead-

toms Department Monday announced that it collected JD 328.513.583 in the first seven months of 1993, up from JD 285,727,282 in the same period of 1992.

The revenues mark an increase of JD31,810,155 (16 per cent) over estimates in the 1993 fiscal budget, noted the announce-

Customs Department Director

U.N. talks

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struck during the visit by Mr Rolf Ekeus, head of the special commission, to Baghdad in July, the technical talks will start in New York on August 31," the

means to produce them.

in the light of the position paper the Iraqi side submitted to Rolf Ekeus," the source added. Resolution 715 outlines U.N.

take place in the future. Itaq accepted 715 in principle last month after stalling on it for

more than a year. go against it."

The source made no mention of talks allowing Baghdad partial oil sales. These talks were suspended on July 14.

tion to the medical field," said Dr. Khatib who is also head of the General Union of Vuluntary GUVS was instrumental in

mittee by Yasset Amt, the cultu-

ral and information committee by

Yasser Abed Rabbo economic

committee by Suleiman Al Naj-

organising a nation-wide campaign to raise funds for this vital

collected for the project which has an estimated overall cost of JD13 million.

nursing, told the group that 160 male and female nurses had applied for the course, but only 30 were accepted by the national Of these, 22 were accepted at Georgetown University and the

first Î7 will leave Tuesday, said Dr. Majali who is also member of the national team of the cancer

student cost of tuition for the

Customs department collects JD 328.5m in 7 months

General Mohammad Al Jamal said that duty collected in 1992

statement said. It said the talks would cover outstanding technical problems related to the weapons section of Resolution 687." Security Council Resolution 687 is the main Gulf war ceasefire

resolution under which Baghdad is compelled to give up weapons of mass destruction and the "They (the talks) will tackle a discussion of means to apply 715

measures to monitor Baghdad's weapons programmes and make sure that banned activities do not

The source said Irao said in its position paper that the Security Council should "honour its commitments towards Iraq, especially the removal of the unjust embar-

But it said that according to the agreement with Mt. Ekeus "political and technical talks will follow the first stage to start in New York Aug. 31.

AMMAN (Petra) - The Cus- amounted to JD 586,116,633 subject to very low rates. levied on incoming goods, con-He said customs duty constisumption tax, fines and other tutes the main source of public

"On the whole, the department imposes high customs duty on non-essential products and lowrate duty on the basic commodities and essential products," said Mr. Jamai.

He noted that commodines related to health and medication, as well as those used in training

at the peace talks "who run the

show with unprecedented incom-

Earlier, Palestinian spokes-

woman Hanan Ashrawi attri-

buted the Executive Committee's

crisis to two factors: "The PLO's

economic crisis...and the peace

petence."

revenues in Jordan adding that it is imposed partly as a measure to

protect national products against foreign competition and to encourage local industries. In a drive to decentralise its various tasks Mr. Jamal said, the

department has granted additional authorities to customs centres centres at the borders, especially Jordanians in various trades are in preventing smuggling.

Committee to discuss PLO crisis

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process, which is not progresdeepened in light of the leadership's attempt to buy political Also in Lebanon, 2 top PLO allegiances," he said, adding that military official called Monday the spate of resignations was for Mr. Arafat to resign. aimed at PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and his negotiating team

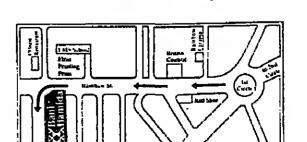
Dr. Ashrawi, warning the PLO's cash crisis could lead to Palestinian institutions in the Israeli-occupied territories and abroad going bankrupt, said the impasse in the peace talks was due to the Jerusalem question, which has created a rift in the

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Onus on other side

WILL THE apcoming 11th round of Arab-Israeli negotiations in Washington produce a breakthrough or at least achieve some solid progress towards peace? Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali told the Jordan Television on Sunday that he was upbeat about the prospects of attaining real progress in the next session of talks planned for the end of this month. "I am very optimistic," the prime minister said. The reason for this optimism, in the words of Dr. Majali, is American assurances that the U.S. now wants "to see concrete progress before the end of this year." Expressing similar anticipation of tangible advancement in the peace talks is Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. "We are really very near in time, in content, and I think it (peace agreement) will come earlier than most people think," Mr. Peres declared Sunday in Helsinki. Syrian President Hafez Al Assad expressed almost identical views a few days ago when he described Washington's current involvement in the peace discussions as more forthright and positive than at any previous time.

The Palestinian side has yet to share this assessment. basically because their track is the most formidable and thorny of all the existing bilateral peace talks. The fact that the Palestinian house is woefully divided has not helped matters much either. Shafiq Al Hout, member of the PLO's Executive Committee, declared Sunday the suspension of his membership for alleged irregularities in the organisation's hierarchy. This move came on the heels of the resignation of Mahmoud Darwish from the same committee apparently for the same reasons offered by Mr. Hout, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had barely recovered from the confrontation with the Palestinian team to the Israeli-Palestinian track when these developments took place, and he will also continue to be plagued by the serious financial constraints that the PLO budget is suffering from. All these complications on the Palestinian front are obviously making decision making difficult and cumbersome for the Palestinian side.

Still the key to progress or lack of it lies with Israel itself, not with Washington or the PLO or the other Arab parties. The sooner that the Rabin government reconciles itself with the inevitability of dealing directly with the PLO the sooner progress can be achieved on the Palestinian-Israeli track. Israel has been inching closer to recognising the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people but is doing so painstakingly. Further movement in that direction would undoubtedly make things easier for the Palestinian side. Given the solemn commitment by Jordan, Syria and Lebanon against signing separate peace accords with Israel, the Israeli government thus holds the key to progress on these other Arab fronts by negotiating more effectively with the Palestinian party. This could not be done without accepting the PLO as a full partner in the peace process.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

THE MEETINGS of His Majesty King Hussein and the prime minister with the representatives of the media in the past week reflected the importance which the country attaches to the press and the information services, said Al Dustour daily Monday. There is no doubt that the media industry has made major strides over the past few years, serving as a tool for monitoring or criticising policies, actions and behaviours of the public and private institutions, said the paper. Indeed, the efficient journalists and the developed media of Jordan represent an economic asset for the country and a source of pride for Jordanians, it added. For this reason, it said, it has become necessary for the government to set guidelines for the media with the purpose of henefitting from its role in the interest of the nation. The guidelines came frankly and openly from the government and the King, added the paper. The King's meeting with the press reflected the leader's determination to maintain a constructive dialogue with the journalists over all matters of concern to the nation, the paper continued. Both the King and the prime minister are underlining the fact that the media has assumed a major status and is playing a leading role not only in manifesting and projecting the country's achievements on all fronts, but also in influencing the public opinion, added the paper.

THE CURRENT troubled spots around the world and the various regional conflicts we witness nowadays have resulted from the downfall of the old world order, when the Soviet Union collapsed, said Tareq Masarweh, a columnist in Al Ra'i daily Monday. The writer said that the collapse of the Soviet Union allowed the United States to remain the sole superpower, capable of imposing its will on the world and causing these conflicts and wars. The writer said that the world could have achieved a new world order, despite the continued existence of the Soviet Union. through gradual disarmament and the dissolution of the NATO and Warsaw alliances. The world could have tasted peace and security under the umbrella of a new world order, had Moscow and Washington cooperated in resolving the conflicts in Afghanistan. Cambodia and the Middle East, the writer added. It should be added, said the writer, that the success of the United States in rallying the world against Iraq in the Gulf war has enhanced its position in the post cold war era. But, he noted, the success of the United Sta is allowed to continue as long as the Gulf countries continue to bank roll Washington's military adventures. The writer said that no power in the world is capable at present to halt the America arrogance and its greed for power and so, he said. the only means of dealing with the Americans is by diluting their power by involving them more and more in world conflicts so as to exhaust their rious menns and pave the ground for the ordinary American ci has and tax payers to put an end to such

The View from Fourth Circle

New visions vs. desperate deeds of discredited old men

The peculiar public controversy over the changes in the electoral law that ushered in a one-person, one-vote system reveals a great deal about the state of Jordanian political culture, and, by extension, about the general political malaise in the Arab World.

This highlights some of our deficiencies in the short run, for it affirms that the ways of the past are no longer valid; but in a longer term perspective, it signals an important willingness to build a better future, by coming to terms with our accumulated, structural political weaknesses.

The adoption of the one-person, one-vote system was a good and necessary change, but the manner in which the change was made was not in keeping with the proto-democratic Jordanian and Arab impulses of our time. The credibility of the prime minister and his government, in particular, was damaged because the prime minister had personally told the speaker of Parliament about a month ago that any changes in the law would take place only after a thorough national debate among all political tendencies in the country.

The prime minister's explanation after the fact that His Majesty the King and the government had consulted the different political forces in Jordan before approving the temporary law may be factually correct, but politically it remains open to discussion about its appropriateness. Was this the most suitable way to change the law, or should the government have engaged the public in a more open discussion of the pros and cons of the

One of the cardinal attributes of democracy is that important national decisions are made in public, with all interested parties contributing to the debate. The government's decision to change the law without a public political debate in Parliament or through other systematic means will be seen as a small step back towards the closed politics of the mid-20th century, at a time when the country and the people are striving for the open politics that must usher in the start of the 21st century.

These points relate to the process of political transformation and the manner in which decisions are taken. The substance of our political transformation, bowever, as manifested in the new electoral law, is another matter. Clearly, the law had to be changed because the old system was antiquated and nnfair.

The vehement opposition to the one-person, one-vote system is

very telling, because the opposition has come mainly from established politicians who gained from the old system, and who stand to lose from the new system. Grassroots opposition to the changes are rather mild, for three reasons: Most people are not deeply involved in the process of electoral politics, most of the politicians opposing the changes have little credibility with ordinary people, and the fact that King Hussein personally approved the changes and explained them in his television speech eads most people to accept them without serious questioning.

It is interesting that the strongest opposition comes from politicians on the right and left of the political spectrum. I suspect this is because these folks are precisely the ones who bave the most to lose from a new system in which voters have to make their electoral decisions on the basis of practical political programmes and the capacity of politicians to deliver to their constituencies, rather than on the old basis of personal ties, tribal affiliations and

In time, I suspect it will become clear that the advantage of the one-person, one-vote system is that it will force more and more voters to think carefully before casting their vote. It is inevitable that tribal/personal/emotional factors will slowly diminish as determinants of people's votes; instead, the ability of politicians to respond to people's real needs and concerns will become the important factors in how voters choose their representatives.

The new electoral law represents an important turning point in our modern political culture, especially as it follows the formation of some 20 political parties in the country. The combination of these two factors will force the start of a process that is vital for the development of a serious democratic system — the process of political accountability. While many voters will still choose their MPs on the basis of tribal/personal/emotional criteria, the parliamentary elections this autumn should see the start of an accountability dynamic by which candidates try to respond to voters' real life concerns and needs, especially in the economic

This shift from a traditional/tribal political culture to a more modern/pragmatie, issues-oriented political culture will take place over a period of many decades, and several generations. The central element in political governance is how well the political decision-making process responds to people's real life needs and

aspirations. The old slogans and the tribal affiliations that have defined Jordanian and Arab politics for many decades have fraved badly; today, they no longer sufficiently respond to the people's basic life needs in a context of rising economic and social pressures, in Jordan as throughout the Arah World. A new form of political governance is required to address the challenges of the rest of this decade and the early years of the next decade. That form will have to be built on the participatory and accountability principles that have now started to define our new political culture, as represented by organised parties that must respond to people's needs and an electoral system that compels people to choose their MPs with care.

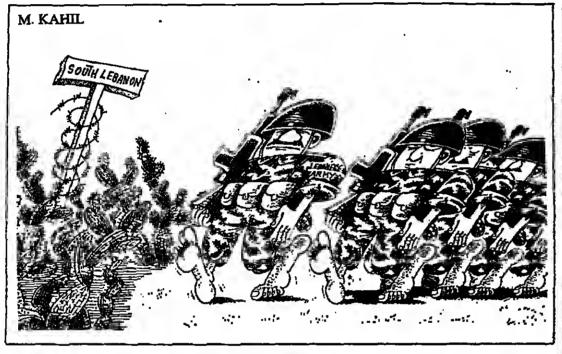
The political elite's opposition to the new electoral law hides a deeper reality that defines most of the Arah World. Simply put. the political power structures and the men that have domina Arab governance for most of this century have limped into the mid-1990s with an almost total lack of credibility. This is most obvious in Jordan in the form of the old men who are vainly trying to use the advent of political parties to maintain their grip on power. The fellows who most vehemently oppose the new electoral law are the same ones who are desperately trying to figure out why the public is largely ignoring their new political

In brief, most of the old men of Jordanian and Arah politics are largely discredited. They are suffering from an acute crisis of ability, confidence, credibility and legitimacy. Many of them have tried to use political parties to camouflage their failures, irrelevance and inadequacies, but the public is not fooled.

Whether from the right, centre or left, the old guard recognises.

that their former ways are neither convincing nor sustainable and therefore they would like to preserve the tribal/emotional mode of electoral politics as a last, desperate means of retaining power. It is not working, and it will not work, because the basic intelligence and rationality of the people, coupled with the humanistic vision and historical perceptions of our top leadership, will force the country to rise to a bigher, more responsive, level of political governance.

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Lebanon accord paves way for talks and violence

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM -A U.S.-brokered ceasefire that ended Israel's blitz against Arah guerrillas last month appears to have ensured that Middle East peace talks will go on but so will South Lebanon's cycle of blood-

Details of the unwritten accord bave never been spelled out. But after nine Israeli soldiers were killed in guerrilla bombings in South Lehanon on Thursday, Israeli leaders lined up to say the attacks did not violate the

terms of the ceasefire. "It wasn't a breach of the agreement, it was a hreach of peace," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said of the attacks, the deadliest in one day on Israeli soldiers since the Jewish state declared its "security zone" in South Lebanon in 1985.

Mr. Rabin ordered a limited air strike in reprisal and rejected as "the worst thing that could hap-pen" opposition calls to suspend Arab-Israeli peace talks due to resume in Washington on Aug.

Pro-Iranian Hizboliah guerril-las fired scores of rockets last month at northern Israeli towns. But most analysts saw Israel's week-long blitz as revenge for the killings of soldiers in the zone. Israeli and Hizbollah leaders

have offered differing interpretations of the truce hammered out with Syria, Lehanon and Israel on the eve of U.S. Secretary of State Warrent Christopher's Middle East visit early this month.

Since the ceasefire was declared on July 31, Mr. Rabin and his aides have backed away from initial statements that the understandings guaranteed freedom of action for Israeli forces and their client South Lebanon Army (SLA) in the zone. Now their view is more limited.

What we have said (to Hizbollah) is: "Stop shooting (rockets) over the Galilee and we won't touch you," Mr. Peres said on Senior aide Oded Ben-Ami

said the accord meant the terms of engagement for Israel and Hizbollah had returned to past "Freedom of action' means

zone as they were before the events that led to operation accountability," Mr. Ben-Ami

Implicit in Israel's interpretation is that it must limit its response to targetting the perceived source of the violence, directing strikes against guerrilla bases and trying to avoid civilians. More than 130 people were

killed, 200,000 forced to flee, and numerous houses were reduced to rubble during the blitz.

Israeli leaders said they wanted the refugee exodus to put pressure on Beirut and Damascus to curh Hizboliah (Party of God).

Hizbollah has vowed to resume rocket attacks at Israel if it again strikes civilian areas. The Lehanese army said guerrillas had a "natural right" to strike at Israeli forees occupying the

Mr. Rabin's measured response to last week's attacks earned praise from Israel's closest ally, Washington, which had ex-pressed concern for the human cost of the July blitz in Lebanon. Israel was apparently looking ahead to the peace talks with Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Palestinian representatives. Hizboliah opposes the talks,

progress since they began 21 months ago. The parties are supposed to agree to a lasting peace in exchange for a return of Arab land occupied by the Israelis and self-rule for Palestinians.

Mr. Rabin reportedly told Mr. Christopher last week that if Syria, which Israel charges allows arms shipments to reach the guerrillas, did not restrain Hizbollah

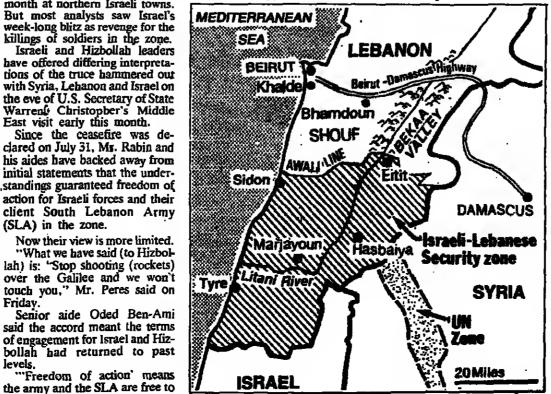
then Israel would.
"This is a permanent message," Environment Minister sage," Environment Minist Yossi Sarid said on Sunday. But he added that the demand

on Syria was not a precondition to the talks. Yona Tannenbaum, father of one of the soldiers killed on Thursday, criticised the understanding.

"The accord gives Hizbollah permission to do whatever it wants to Israeli soldiers in the zone as long as one Katyusha does not fall on civilians," he

But army chief Ehud Barak offered the view that it was simply back to normal along the most volatile area of Arab-Israeli con-

"We are like boxers in a ring," he said. "One cannot avoid an occasional punch."



Middle Eastern kids in U.S. plant 'seeds of peace'

By Verena Dobnik The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Assaf, a Jewish teenager, lost his father to a bomb planted by Palestinians in the heart of Jerusalem. Fadi, a Palestinian who lives in Jerusalem, has relatives in jail for protesting Israeli occupation of yet, but in the future ..."
The seeds of neare program

For three weeks in America, the two boys are among 46 Jews, Muslims and Christians getting together to sow the "seeds of

They arrived in New York last week for the seeds of peace programme, which will also take them to a two-week summer camp in Maine and to Washington, D.C.

The programme's founder, John Wallach, said he is "bringing the next generation together, before they have been poisoned by the hostility of their region." Can a summer camp in Amer-

ica make a difference? Fadi, 15, said he has demonstrated against Israeli occupation of Nablus in the West Bank. Some of his relatives "got 100-year prison terms," be said in a quiet, resigned voice Saturday. "We want our land," the tall, dark youth said firmly, adding that "Israel should leave Gaza

and the West Bank," which have been occupied by the Jewish state since the 1967 Middle East war. "But basically, I disagree with both sides doing the killing," he added,

Assaf's father was killed in the 1980s hy a bomb planted by Palestinian guerrillas in Jeru-salem, said Hadara Rosenblum, a counselor for the Israeli delegation who works for her country's education ministry.

"But he still wants to turn hatred into peace." Ms. Rosenb-

The boy's last names were not released. Programme organisers said they want them to speak freely in the United States, without facing anger when they go

Terry Anderson, who was held hostage for seven years in Lebanon, told the youths at lunch Friday that as a result of the bonds forged here, the people their parents call enemies "will have a face."

"It's difficult to hate somebody you know," said Mr. Anderson, the former Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press who was beld captive in Lebanon for seven years. "There will be a lot of people

pushing at you to continue the road of violence, bitterness, talking about revenge, talking about the wrongs your people have suffered," he warned the children. He urged them to "resist that Twenty of the boys are Israelis,

including four Arabs — a Druze and three Muslims. Eleven are Palestinians from the Israelioccupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and 15 are from Egypt.

After being chosen for the programme, two 14-year-old Arab boys, Iyas and Nidal, invited the other 18 Israelis to a party in their village, Baka Al Garbia, near Hadera in central

And when the teens gathered in Tel Aviv to go to the United States, Ms. Rosenblum said: "The Arab and Jewish parents were all hugging and kissing. Their sons were friends, after is funded by private contributions, with participants chosen by.

Cairo, said the violence in the Middle East is "not our fault." "It's the fault of our great-

the governments of their coun-Tamer, a 13-year-old from first, is limited to boys because

Camp Powhatan in Oxford, grandparents," he said. "And we Maine, which donated its facilimust fix it. We're not old enough ties and staff, is for boys only. t, but in the future ..."

Next year, organisers hope to include girls.

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LETTERS:

No'minorities' in Jordan

To the Editor:

Referring to your article "Minority votes may scramble strategies with introduction of change into elections" (Jordan Times, Aug. 19/20, 1993) I wish to stress the following:

Your front page bannerhead use of the word "minority" when referring to the Jordanian Christian, Circassian and Chechen citizens is rather provocative and in absolute conflict with the Constitution and the National Charter. As a Jordanian citizen, proud of his identity and belonging to this homeland, I believe that it is sinful to continue to divide the Jordanian people into majority and so-called minority.

The Constitution in its Article 6/1 says "Jordanians shall be

equal before the law. There shall be no discrimination between them as regards their rights and duties on grounds of race, language or religion."

The National Charter also says "Jordanian men and women are equal before the law. There is to be no discrimination between them with respect to rights and duties, regardless of race, language, or religion in their practice of constitutional rights and commitment to the supreme interest of the state and the ethics of national action, to ensure that the resources and spiritual and material capabilities of Jordanian society are directed towards achieving the objectives of unity, progress and building the

Furthermore, the leader of this homeland, His Majesty the King, misses no single opportunity to state out clearly that all Jordanians are equal, regardless of their roots and origins. His Majesty never used the word "regardless of their religions...

Dividing the Jordanians into Mushims and Christians, Arabs or Circassians, majority or minority is a scheme that was introduced to our society by the colonialist Sykes-Picot Agreement and the old Ottoman colonialism. Unfortunately, many of our politicians, writers and journalists continue to use this most vicious word, intentionally or unintentionally, regardless of its consequences. I believe in Jordan, a homeland for all Jordanians, a bomeland

that does not have any kind of religious or ethnic minorities. Therefore, it is about time we cleanse up oor media terminology, our laws and our practices from such despicable words.

P.O. Box 3253.

Editor's note: True, Jordan's Constitution makes no distinction between Jordanians on the basis of religion or ethnic origin and treats them as equal citizens. Still, the fact remains that there are minorities here, as elsewhere in the world. The best evidence of this are the international norms that define minorities as those nationals of a country that belong to a different religion from the majority religion or belong to an ethnic origin that is also different from that of the majority. Recently, the United Nations committee charged with the mandate of monitoring the application of the international Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), which Jordan had ratified back in 1978, has clearly ruled that the Copts in Egypt constitute a minority in spite of the protestations of the Egyptian delegations that the Copts and Muslims of Egypt are one people and belong to the same nationality and ethnic

Besides, the existence of minorities in any given state does not necessarily lead to disunity or breakup of a country. Recognition of minorities simply means the recognition of their peculiar background with a view to allowing for the expression of such a difference and the reflection of this difference in the conduct of public affairs. There is nothing despicable or disgraceful about a country recognising the presence of a minority or more. Minorities can enrich countries in many ways, and they certainly.

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North African trade has taken root in France

By Sabine Guez

PARIS — Three apples and a pack of coffee land softly in the open plastie bag that Boubaker Cheikh hands gallantly to the lady in a Chanel suit before closing the sale with the Arab bles-

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sing 'May Allah protect you!"
With a combination of cheerfulness and hard work, Mr. Cheikh seems to have turned the business of grocery trading into more than an expertise, almost an art form. Six days a week from g a.m. till 10 p.m., a wide assortment of the inhabitants of the Odeon area in Paris fclose to the student-filled Latin Quarter) descend upon the lively store that he and his brother manage for their faiber. Grandmothers, aspiring artists, children, art gallery employees, all the regulars know that the Cheikhs will provide them with last minute grocenes, an easy laugh, and credit if necessary.

Things have certainly changed in the convenience store business. The French, and particularly the Parisians, would now be at a loss if these "Corner Arabs" as they are called, all of a sudden decided to elose shop and go home to Morocco, Tunisia or Algeria. By opening early, closing late, and offering such luxuries as constant affability and free home delivery, they have become indispensable. Today, two thirds of the Paris area grocers are North Africans and they have spread throughout France, mostly in towns with 5,000 or more inbabitants. And although the economic recession has hurt them too, they manage to survive through sheer hard work and obstinacy.

They mostly arrived in France in the mid-1960s, but they have been traders for centuries; as Mr. Cheikh likes to point out, the Prophet Mohammad was a trader himself. And although they come from different countries, they share the same origin - most of them are part of the Berber group which, despite converting to Islam during the 12th century, has retained its own identity. Even before they started their emigration to France, they had acquired a quasi monopoly in the grocery trade in North Africa.

According to Abdul Majid Benyounes, secretary general for the Association of Tunisian Merchants in France, there are be-tween 3,000 and 4,000 North African stores in and around Paris. They are small businesses. they rarely occupy more than 120 square metres, and they average yearly sales of about \$200,000. Most of them only employ family members and they keep management expenses to a minimum by relying mostly on themselves or members of their community.

Geographie origin seems to deand Chet termine who will sell what: The Moroccans' come from Sous and hold most of the retail groceries. The Tunisians originate from Jerboa and Ghomrassen and specialise in small restaurants and oriental pastry shops, although a large number of them are now purchasing and expertly remodeling fruit stores. There are many Algerians from the Mzab selling groceries, but Kabyles have mostly chosen

to run restaurants or bars. Thanks to this multitude of small stores, the grocery business has not been overtaken completely by supermarkets. One 27-yearold store owner from Morocco explains: "Of course, I have to compete with the Monoprix supermarket down the street, but they are limited in the scope of what they offer. I have longer

Opening from early morning well into the night, Nurth African grocers in Paris have many faithful customers (WNL photo)

opening hours, I offer home delivery even on small orders, and along with the basic fruit and coffee I carry a number of exotic products that Monoprix cannot afford to stock, such as maple syrup, oriental foods or Russian crab." He volunteers that his net pretax profit reaches 25 per cent of his yearly sales of \$300,000. Two-thirds of bis business is conducted between 6 and 10.30 p.m. when Monoprix is closed.

Along the same street other stores are going bankrupt, but the young Moroccan is not afraid: "I bave built my customer base, and I treat my customers the same way I treat my friends, even the ones who belong to the Le Pen party (French right wing political party opposing immigration). One just has to work hard, and competition is good because it forces one to be different, to look for something new." To buy the store from one of his uncles, he borrowed from the bank, but he has also made use of a large network of family and friends who have granted him loans without interest. Thus, he has recent-

with a cousin and a friend. He expects his assistants to go on their own when they have 'learned the business.'

Obviously, North African store owners do know the business; they are even taking over the gourmet grocery stores of the fancier suburbs around Paris. Grudgingly, the former owners had to concede that no French natives were willing to take their

This business is also largely a family business, and each "family," or group of people somewhat related, owns an average of two stores, although now some run as many as 20, making the most of the financial and human resources of the group. This concept of "everything in the family" is a powerful factor in helping North-African storekeepers pull through the recession and survive the stagnation that has characterised French consumers? purchases for the last two years.

Not that they have not suffered: the recession came on the heels of a strong expansion of all ly bought a second store, just types of supermarkets and chain north of Paris, that he is running stores in 1988-90. Says Abdul

The price of doing business legally

PARIS (WNL) - Some North African grocers are wondering whether the latest right-wing currents in France are going to make it even harder to obtain the "Foreign Merchant Card." Since 1984, immigrants with a residency permit are no longer required to obtain it. However, except for Algerians, immigrants who just have a visitor's permit valid less than 10 years must obtain the special foreign merchant card.

Immigrants must beware that coming as a student or salaried worker won't make it easy to obtain the card. One employee from the Prefecture de Police explained: "They are supposed to make their request through the Chamber of Commerce and then go back to the French consulate in their native country. But frankly, they have to really want it, because I think that the consulates are

doing their utmost to discourage them from coming over here." And another prefecture official noted that the administration's quasi official attitude is that there are "already too many immigrants' stores in France."

Fisherman's curse falls on the albatross recorded under exceptional cir-

WELLINGTON — If the ancient mariner of Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poem was so cursed for shooting one albatross, what fate awaits humanity if it wipes out

Majid Benyounes: "Most of our members have to make do with

sales that are only 60 per cent of

the 1985-86 level. Add all the

payroll and other fixed charges,

and many store-owners end up

with something akin to the mini-

mum wage." Despite the fall in

income, few have declared bank-

ruptcy: their small size allows

them to keep inventory to e minimum, and family members

can be more flexible than outside

employees. "You know," adds another grocer from Paris, "only

Moroccans will agree to work

from 8 in the morning to 9 at night." Likewise, their capital

often comes mostly from the

family back home and delays in

repayment can be more easily worked out than they would be

with banks. In short, big or small,

independent or in partnership,

they weather the bad years by

working harder and accepting a

And recently, they have been making efforts to become more

competitive. With the help of the

Wafabank, Morocean grocers

created a purchasing association,

Soframad, in April 1992, which

provides technical assistance for

new stores and is studying both

marketing efforts under a com-

mon name and frozen food dis-tribution. Tanisians are working

on a similar project. But by far

the biggest advantage is the possibility of purchasing through the

group's lower rates and escaping

the high prices imposed by

wholesalers on independent own-

ers. Because, if customers have

one complaint about the "Corner Arab," it is the price of his

groceries. "They want our quality and services, but at chain store

prices!" fulminates another

young Moroccan grocer. There is

even a suspicion, among French

customers hit by the recession,

that the "Corner Arab" is getting

rich by practicing price gouging on impoverished Parisians.

French Association of Food Re-

tailers who preferred not to be

identified, this can be reflected in

the rigid attitude of government inspectors towards North African

laws, such as the mandatory

weekly closing day, but inspec-tors often prove a lot less flexible

with them than with French store

keepers. Personally, I find that

some of their actions smack of

Arab storekeepers show no in-

terest in acquiring French nationality. "What for?" asks a

young Moroccan. "The French

say there are too many immig-rants already. To them, I will always be an Arab." Besides, most of these workaholics do not

intend to finish their life here:

there dream is to go back and

"start something big." For Mohammad, it might take

another four or five years, but by

then be will have saved enough to

open a jewelry store back bome

and even invest in real estate.
Talking about 'home,'

Mohammad brightens im-mediately. "Here, life is kind of

tough, everything is expensive. But back home, I have my family,

friends all over. You go across the street, or in a bar, you know

everybody, you always have a good time. With a little bit of

money, you can get everything

you need over there, life is

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That might explain why most

According to an official of the

the whole species? Long-line fishermen are mistakingly killing these magnificent creatures, the largest of all seabirds, in such numbers that they thteaten to wipe out some varieties, researchers say.

"If there is nothing done soon then their population will be deci-mated," said Barry Weeber, researeher at the Royal Bird and Forest Protection Society of New Zealand.

He estimated that 44,000 albatrosses died each year in the southern blue-fin luna fishery covering mostly the southern ocean and south Indian Ocean. Fishermen catching the lucrative tuna, which in Japan can fetch over \$5,000 for a single 100 kg fish, are kitling albatrosses, petrels, mollymawks and other seabirds as they feed out immense lines up to 130 km long containing more than 2,500

Fishing grounds for the migra-lury tuna, mostly in the Indian Ocean, stretch from the sub-trotic, where the majority of the scabirds are caught Estimates of albatross bitd numbers are hazy but are esti-

mated at around 200,000 breeding pairs. They mostly breed in the sub-Antarene islands but also the north Pacific. There are only around 10,000

breeding pairs of wandering albatrosses, one of the worst hit species. Wanderers are monogamous, live around 50 years and only produce one egg every two Because the are such a long

lived bird with a low reproductive rate the declines are quite small, but over decades it has a huge impact on their population. Basically their population has halved," Mr. Weeber said. Museum of New Zealand researcher, Sandy Bartle, who is

about to publish his five years of study into the problem, said he had received an unconfirmed report of a vessel returning to port in Tasmania which had caught about 500 birds in three weeks. We have another ...report from Uruguay of 200 albatrosses caught on a single line.

"I think both of these figures are quite believable and highly prohable in view of the high capture rates which have been cumstances in New Zealand." The bird death problem is exacerbated by the fact that many of the deaths occur in international waters and most of the fishing

boats come from outside the region. Japan, Korea, Taiwan, China, Russia, Ukraine and the United States are the main culprits. New Zealand fisheries Minister Doug Kidd, who has taken a strong line in New Zealand's huge 320 km economic exclusion zone, believes something must he

solution can be found. "The reported level of albaiross and other seabirds deaths is unacceptable. What we have now observed can't be permitted to continue," he told Reuters. In New Zealand waters, albat-

done quickly and that a practical

rosses were being killed by trailing net monitor cables on Russian squid boats. Mr. Kidd gave a reluctant industry one year to solve the problem, which it did by using electronic devices.

Suggested solutions for the long-liners include using "tori" (Japanese for bird) lines — fluttering plastic streamers towed 150 metres behind boats, using thawed bait which does not Ooat, using weighted hooks and only

setting lines at night. New Zealand, which success-

ban on the "wall-of-death" drift net fishing, introduced the bitd issue at a recent United Nations conference in New York on inter-

national law on the high seas. "So many nations are so concerned about the degradation of the seas by the distant water fishing nations that something certainly will be done," said Mr.

"The sheer necessity is becoming increasingly self-evident. In the case of some species, particularly in the northern hemisphere. it is a race against time whether there is a species to manage any more," he said. Overfishing exacerbates the

bird problem as hungry birds chase the fishing bail for feed. Mr. Kidd said that "ludicrous" subsidised ship building by na-tions such as Spain were adding to the problems.

Social economic intervention results in ships being built which ought not to be, which is leading to the collapse of fisheries," he

However, after succeeding with the Russian sauid boats, he remained optimistic that the albatross killing can be stopped. "If there is enough pressure to stop the problem, people will find appropriate techniques," he said.



businesses. "Granted, it has taken North Africans time to Estimates place the number of albatrosses who die yearly, victims of the blue-fin tuna fishing industry, at 44,000 (File adjust to some of the French

Congress shows Taiwan drifting away from China

By Annie Huang The Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan - For all its talk about reunification with China, Taiwan last week showed how much it is drifting away from the mainland.

At a ruling Nationalist Party Congress, wealthy Taiwan dumped old-guard politicians and strengthened its democracy even as communist China was tossing out a dissident and wrestling to

keep its economy under control. Though officials paid lip service to an eventual merger with China, the party adopted a platform which jettisoned the goal of "recovering the mainland."

Tensions are easing, and trade and cultural exchanges booming between the two Chinas as Taiwan seeks readmission to the United Nations - one more sign of Taiwan's view of itself as a scparate state.

Showing its new commitment to democracy, the ruling party for the first nime elected a chairman by secret ballot: Lee Teng-Hui, the 70-year-old native-born president.

The party also limited the ehairmanship to two four-year terms, a major departure for a country used to leaders who stay in office until death.

And though the week-long congress was marred by occasional fisticuffs and bribery allegations, it had many of the marks of western-style party convention. It bore little resemblance to the

scripted ritual of the previous years in power. congress, in 1988, when Taiwan had just emerged from 40 years of failed to keep pace with the fast assault on official corruption, one-party dictatorship.

The party elected a 210member policy-making central committee consisting primarily of younger native Taiwanese, showing how power has shifted from the founding "mainlander" generation to the islanders who were long shut ont of positions of influence.

The old guard had seen Taiwan's eventual reunion with China as essential.

The mainlanders, who followed the late Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Sbek to Taiwan after losing a civil war to the communist Coinese in 1949, bave now faded almost entirely from pow-

Not entirely, however. Former Premier Hau Pei-Tsun, 74-year-old leader of the old guard, was elected a vice chairman, backed by rebellious party members who have gained prominence by criticising government corruption and President Lee's links to big busi-

Mr. Lee belped get Mr. Hau elected, demonstrating sensitivity to charges he is dictatorial. Mr. Lee now can say be averted a party split and produced a united front in advance of lough county elections in December.

The nationalists desperately needed to regain credibility and shake off an image of being feud-ridden and calcified by 100 many changes in society," said Chuang linked to western influences and Sho-Han, a political analyst with close ties to Mr. Lee, "But one flation and easy credit. big stride was made to transform

it into one designed solely for

winning elections." In his opening address, Mr. Lee could not resist comparing the Taiwanese success story to communist China's performance, and indeed the entire world.

"Compared with the gory suppression of the democracy movement by the Chinese communist regime, the economie recession in industrially advanced nations. and the turbulence in the Third World, our outstanding completion of political democratisation ..fills us with unbeatable confidenee." be said.

Chinese dissident labour activist Han Dongfang was rendered "Lee, as a president, must fol-effectively stateless Saturday low the official line of reunificawhen Chinese officials revoked his passport for anti-Chinese activities committed abroad. A week there is but one goal: that comearlier Mr. Han, 30, bad been forcibly ejected from China by alone so we can live happily on police into British-run Hong this island."

ars in power.
"The old, authoritarian party China this week ordered an an economy marked by high in-

> Although Mr. Lee's conditions for reunification are so tough that critics say he can't scriously mean them, he bluntly spelled them out again at the congress: China must renounce its "megalomaniacal mentality," embrace democracy and free its markets of state

Taiwanese nationalism, once suppressed by law as inconsistent with reunification, was also on display as some delegates insisted on speaking in the Taiwanese language. After heated ex-changes, Mr. Lee intervened to establish Mandarin as the congress's official tongue.

tion," delegate Steven Chen said in an interview. "But we all know munist China should leave us

Captain of Soviet submarine recounts 1961 disaster

By Matt Bivens The Associated Press

MURMANSK, Russia - When the reactor of a Soviet nuclear submarine suddenly went haywire in 1961, Capt. Nikolai Zateyev sent 22 volunteers to their deaths in a heroic struggle to save the ship.
They saved their sub, and the

reactor did not explode. But the radiation made it a nightmare voyage with men dying in agony and begging their shipmates to kill them. For years Russians knew the

story of Capt. Zateyev's submarine only through under-ground songs. Now he is 67, retired, and ready at last to talk about those sad, romantic verses. Capt. Zateyev's ship was the first Soviet atomic submarine

armed with nuclear warheads. She was named the K-19 but among sailors became known as Before the breakup of the Soviet Union, the K-19's fate was a closely-guarded secret. Western

documentary was filmed two years ago, but officials deemed it

specialists heard rumours but no details until 1991, when Pravda finally confirmed that radiation had killed many of the sub's crew. Ordinary Russians still know

little about the tragedy. Capt. Zateyev has said that a TV

"too upsetting" to be shown.

The stocky, dignified captain and other survivors recounted their story to the Associated Press in interviews this month in Moscow and the northern port of

The K-19 was a major technological advance for the Soviets, and engineers were so eager to launch the sub that they installed no back-up cooling system. -

During the ship's construction, welder allowed solder to drip onto a pipe carrying coolant to the reactor. The pipe cracked micros-copically, like a hot glass dropped into cold water.

On June 4, 1961, the K-19 was hiding in the North Atlantic from Soviet diesel subs during a training exercise. The cracked pipe

in the reactor room, the temperature soared to at least 140 degrees. The gauge went no higher. Radiation also was rising, but the crew could only guess how

The reactor had to be cooled. "It would have been Chernobyl. Only 30 years earlier, said crew member Alexander Fateyev, now 56, an official with the Russian, Ministry of Energy and himself a retired captain. He said the ship was carrying three nuclear warheads and would have poisoned the sea with radiation if

the teactor had burst. Capt. Zateyev organised three-

man brigades of volunteers to work five to 10 minutes each. Protected only by raincoats and gas masks, they were ordered to wetd a new cooling system. Among the first volunteers was Lt. Boris Korchilov, 20, a blue-

eyed ladies' man.
"I accompanied him to the reactor room door - to his death," Capt. Zateyev recalled.
"And I said: well, Boris, do you know where you're going?" and he said: 'I know, comrade cap-

'Well, go with God,' I Five minutes later, Korchilov stumbled out of the reactor room, tore off his gas mask and vo-

"That was the first time I felt: yes, this is radiation," Capt. Of the 139-man crew, 22 died

of radiation poisoning — eight within a matter of days, the rest within two years. Right on the spot their

appearances began changing. Skin not protected by their clothes began to redden, face and hands began to swell. Dots of blood began to appear on their forehends, under their hair. Within two hours we couldn't recognise them," Capt. Zeteyev

"People died fully conscious, in terrible pain. They couldn't speak, but they could whisper. They begged us to kill them." But the work brigades succeeded, and the reactor did not explode. A Soviet diesel sub answered Capt. Zateyev's SOS.

The K-19 was towed to Russia's northern Kola Peninsula. Korchilov and five other sailors were rusbed to Moscow. Seven days later, Korchilov was the first of them to die; within 10 days, all six were dead. Doctors told Capt. Zateyev they had received three times the lethal dose of radiation.

Others survived grueling hospital treatments. Capt. Zateyev lay in bed for 18 months; doctors replaced both his bone marrow and blood.

Because the corpses were radioactive, the six were buried secretly in a Moscow cemetery. The location of the fraternal grave was unknown to families and friends until a K-19 crew member came across it at his brother-in-law's funeral.

A government commission deelared Capt. Zateyev a hero and decorated his crew. But they have received no financial support, only "valuable gifts," Capt. Zateyev said, adding without irony: "You know, watches."

They were ordered not to diseuss what bad happened, and their medical histories were falsified. Doctors wrote that they had "damage to the peripheral nervous system.

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Minister Edouard Ballodur, at his back-to-work news conference Wednesday, to pledge an end to recession but also to reaffirm his commitment to holding the frame stable against the metit.

Mr. Balladur will be with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Bonn as the Bundesbank councit meets in Frankfurt, but neither has much influence over the fiercally pulonomous central renk.

With annual inflation in July confirmed Alonday at 2.1 mg

cent, less than half what it is in Germany, many economists say French money rates should be no aigher then about four per cent

- half their current level. So cutting rates might dent the franc now but would be better for it in the long run as it would boost economic growth.

But Mr. Balladur has said he would resign rather than sacrifice the franc to a lax credit policy that would fuel inflation and force up the long-term interest rates indus-'→ relies on.

Analysts said that if the Bundesbank eased Thursday, the Bank of France could next trim its more significant five-to-16 day lending rate.

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now, a return to where it was before being suspended to squeeze money market rates nigher and defend the franc.

However, others say the central bank may hold off cutting it so far for fear new pressure on the franc, perhaps triggered by the Bank of France's own need to sell the currency to recoup its reserves, may force it to soueeze market rates back up again.

The franc and French securities took Monday's move calmly. The franc traded around 3.49 per mark, little changed from Friday and about two per cent below its former ERM floor.

The Paris Bourse CAC-40 index was 0.64 per cent lower by Some see it being lowered to lunchtime, as traders paid little

Fyodorov says Russia may need higher taxes soon

MOSCOW (R) - Russia may need a supplementary budget soon, raising taxes and curbing subsidies and other spending, Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov has said.

"We have come close to the situation when we need... special measures to raise income and cut expenditure," Mr. Fyodorov told Ekho Moskvy radio station. "We must soon make political decisions - whether to continue with stabilisation, or let inflation go.

Extra measures could include new taxes and excise duties, Fyorodov said. Wages and pen-

sions would not be cut.
Mr. Fyodorov, a key reformer
in the government of President
Boris Yeltsin, says he is determined to rein spending in as part of a package of measures to bring inflation down from current levels around 20 per cent a

month. "The finance ministry is still regarded as an organ which should find money for everything, although it is common knowledge that there is no

money," he said.
Mr. Fyodorov, also one of Russia's deputy prime ministers, bas been fighting an increasingly bitter battle with both parliament and the central bank.

Parliament last month approved a budget deficit which would amount to a steep 25 per cent gross national product. Mr. Frodorov, who says he will not fulfil the parliament spending plans, had put forward a budget with a 10 per cent deficit.

India plans to ease currency regulations

ly floating the rupee early this year, bankers said.

Measures being considered by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) included permitting crosscurrency options and allowing stand. local banks to invest in short-term deposits with banks overseas,

they said.
"Dismantling of these restric-tions could be the first steps towards the full convertibility of account and later on capital account," a banker said. With higher export inflows and

growing foreign exchange re-serves, bankers said, the RBI was expected to permit banks to invest their surplus deposits abroad in short-term deposits.

Official sources said an RBI announcement about this could be issued by the end of the month.

"The next step could be permitting banks to invest in shortterm gilt-edged securities," they added.

"Interest rates on these deposits could guide the local in-terest rates in medium to long term, when other currency restrictions too are expected to go," a dealer said.

Interest rates in India have been lowered over the past few months, bringing them closer to international rates, analysts said. They said they expected further

falls in the near future. Bankers said they anticipated a gradual dismantling of the barriers that the central bank saw earlier as a crucial part of India's protected and highly regulated

Now India is opening up its BOMBAY (R) — India is planning further liberalisation of cureconomy and dismantling four rency regulations after successful- decades of socialist-style controls. But Indian importers and ex-

porters contine to be governed by a complex web of exchange rules and directives that even bankers say they cannot always under-

"Changes in the coming months will be a lot smoother in the run-up to rupee's full convertibility on capital account," a banker said.

Finance Minister Manmohan the Indian rupee on current Singh, architect of the reform programme, has said full convertibility — meaning removing controls on capital movement could come in another two to three years. Indian banks are expected to achieve a capital adequacy of eight per cent by about

that time. India took the first step towards integrating its economy with that of the world in February 1992, when it made the rupee partially convertible. The rupee became fully convertible on trade account this March, bankers

added. But controls on capital outflow remain.

These moves, bankers said, could be the first steps towards integrating the Indian rupee and local interest rates with currencies and rates in the rest of the world.

Bankers say the RBI is ready to move forward with further currency liberalisation because of the success of the full float.

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Shanghai industry warned of belt-tightening

Shanghai, China's largest industrial city, have been instructed to tighten their belts as national measures to cool an overheated economy take effect, the Shan-

anai Star reported. "Enterprises have been warned to brace themselves for a shortage of funds and raw materials, decreasing demand, rising production costs and an overstrained transportation system." the woekend newspaper said.

It was reporting on a meeting of the city's industry leaders attended by vice mayor Jiang Yiren.

Shanghai's economy, dominated by state-owned enterprises making everything from steel to paper clips, is caught between pottlenecks resulting from overrapid growth and susterity measures to solve the problem.

The city is the focus of China's industrial development plans Premier Zhu Rongji. untiled at opening up the Yangtze.

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SHANGHAI (R) - Factories in 15.2 per cent in July, according to

official figures. Measures 10 choke-off excess credit which is fuelling a speculative boom in stocks and real

estate has led to tighter money in

general for industry in the city. For state factories, the worst is yet to come. On Friday, the China Daily newspaper reported that by the end of the year Peking will give state-owned enterprises full decision-making powers, a move that aimed at making them responsible for their own profits and losses.

About two thirds of Chinese state factories rely on government bail-outs, or bank loans that will never be repaid, to stay afloat.

However, economists in Sbanghai say the city is likely to escape the worst effects of the austerity measures championed by Vice

They say the property market is not yet over-built, in contrast to areas in Guangdong and Hainan provinces, and huge sums of money still need to be spent to based by economic growth of the upgrade housing in China's most

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The new hotels are J.W. Mar-

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Economists say new Japan overseas investment boom unlikely

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TOKYO (R) - The soaring yen will est into Japan's export revanues, but economists said it would not trigger a Japanese spending spree overseas as seen in the 1980s.

This time, companies are not aiming at an expansion led by overseas plants - they just want

DUBLE I Tree or by Emerica to recent private success. is 52 or more than \$1 hillion in 1992. Century. The zone more than \$1 hillion in 1992. Century in 1992. Cen to produce less at home. The yea's dramatic surge after tine 1935 New York Plaza accord. Kong, India. Singapore: South | when major nations agreed to a Official figures showed that the Korea, Germany, the United | weaker dollar, triggered a wave of Japanese offshore investment. which peaked at \$67.54 billion in According to DBDTT, the the business year that ended tourism sector is also picking up

March 31, 1990. as new hotels open and others Much of that was in real estate. But rather than the gleeful spendemers who are attracted by the ing of five years ago, the current high yen will see manufacturers

struggling to pare their losses.

Nobody's going to start buying up foreign property," said Robert Feldman, Salomon

Jaoan. Nonetheless, companies may have to move some more produc-

ness, as Japan's economy rode

tion offshore. In the late 1980s, companies were helped out of their strong yen wees by their domestic busi-

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high on the bubble of stock price and property inflation. This time the economy is mired

in one of its worst slowdowns since World War II and many of the nation's top firms are slipping into the red.

"The desire to move abroad is more urgent than it was," said Baring Securities economist Geoffry Barker. "The domestic business isn't there."

Responding to a Japan Externai Trade Organisation (JETRO) companies said the high yen would have a more severe effect on business than it did in 1988.

Around 40 per cent said they would need to increase direct investment abroad if the yen stayed at those levels, compared with just 20 who said they would

But it will not be easy for them. explained Hiroki Sakamoto, director of JETRO's information

department.

"It is an entirely different economic situation," he said. "In 1986 they had cash."

A ministry of international trade and industry official too warned that a decline in manufacturers' profits due to the exchange rate meant less money to spend, which could even mean less investment abroad.

But economists say it is overcapacity more than lack of cash that will hold them back.

In the booming economy of the late 1980s, companies did not worry about selling their expanded production.

survey on the high yen in April, when a dollar could still buy 111 car industry is already operating yen compared with Tuesday's at 10 per cent over-capacity, close of 101.55, 60 per cent of analysts say. Gre with in overseas markets has shuddered to a halt. so the last thing makers want to to is build new factories.

Big electronics firms are feeling

more cantious too. . "The scope for expansion abroad is much more limited than it was in the late '80s," said an

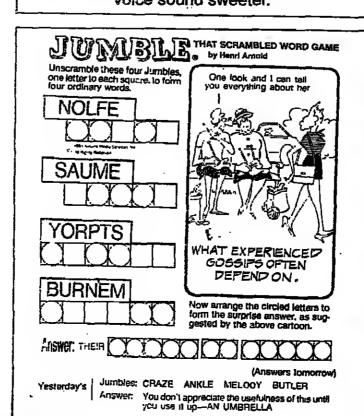
NEC Corp spokesman. Moreover, uncertainty over the direction of the exchange rate will

prevent action for the time being. The biggest reason cited for the ballooning currency is the Japanese government's lack of a plan to deal with the country's current account surplus.

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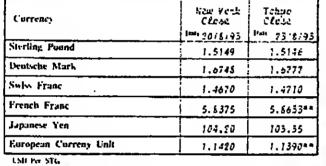
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Deutsche Mark	6.75	6.50	6,31	6.93
Swiss Franc	4.56	4.50	4,37	4.18
French Franc	7.37	7.00	6.63	5.87
Japanese Yen	2.98	2.57	2.75	2.75
European Currency Unit	6.06	7.44	6.93	6.25

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Rahraini Dinar	1.8:04	1.8400
Lebanese Lira	0.039540	C.040820
Saudi Riyal	0.1840	0.1860
Kuwaiti Dinar	2,2550	2.3200
Qatart Riyal	G.1873	G.1590
Egyptian Pound	0.2000	0.2200
Omani Riyal	1.7620	1.5183
UAE Dirham	0.1873	3.1890
Lireek Druchma	0.2925	0.3355
Cypriot Pound	1.5350	1.3650

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LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London Foreign Exchange and bullion markets Monday.

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Iran earns \$1.1 billion from carpet exports

TEHRAN (AFP) -- Iran earned \$1.1 billion from carper exports last year, making carpet-weaving the country's most lucrative industry after oil, the trade minister said Monday.

Speaking at an international carpet fair which opened here Monday, Yahya Al Eshaq, said Iran had exported \$3,107 billion worth of carpets in the past five years and was ahead of its goal of \$2.983 billion for the first fiveyear plan.

The head of Iran's Export Promotion Centre, Mostafa Hashemi, said six to eight million people were employed in the manufacture and sale of carpets in the country.

The English-language daily Tehran Times welcomed the holding of a carpet fair, but warned the industry was "facing many economic and organisational" problems.

"If we want to acquire a strong presence in the international carpet market, we should renovate the industry and pay more attention to the working conditions of rural carpet-weavers," it said. The official IRNA news agency

said 140 companies in the carpet industry have participated in the week-long exhibition covering an area of 27,000 square metres (290,600 square feet).

Arab ship repair firm says '92 was bad year

(ASRY) has said its performance vices. was weak in 1992 because of a decline in demand eaused by a sharp fall in shipping fees in the

In its anoual report, the Manama-based company said its dry docks handled 40 vessels in 1992 although it has a capacity for 150 ships.

decline in ship repair prices to an unreasonable level because of a sharp drop in shipping fees," ASRY Director Daij Ibn Khalifa Al Khalifa wrote in the report obtained Monday. 'The impact of this decline was so strong that it encouraged shipowners to post- Arab oil producers.

MANAMA (AFP) — The Arab pone repair of their vessels. This Shipbuilding and Repair Yard depressed demand for ASRY ser-

He gave no figures on the company's financial results for 1992 or its operations in previous years. But he predicted an improvement in demand this year after the completion of expansion projects. The expansions covered two

floating tepair docks bought from The general results of the United States last year for Sol company in 1992 were affected by million. ASRY sources said such docks would boost demand.

ASRY, whose dry docks have a capacity of 500,000 tonnes, is owned by the Organisarion of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries.

tries (OAPEC), which groups Saudi Arabia and nine other

Finnish unemployment climbs over 20 per cent

HELSINKI (AFP) - Finnish unemployment hit 20.4 per cent in July, leaving over a half million people out of work, the ministry of labour has announced. At the end of July, 519,300 people were without johs, an increase of 23,201 people since June. In July 1992, 390,000 people were unem-ployed, corresponding to 15.1 per cent of the population. Meanwhile, three per cent of the work force, or 86,000 people, were occupied with training and other per cent, while the ministry of government schemes to combat labour reported it at 19.5 per unemployment. According to prognoses done by financial ex-

perts, no improvement is ex-

pected in the near future, with the unemployment figures expected to hover around 19 per cent in the coming year. Official, internationally comparable figures are expected from the central statistics bureau next week. The two offices use different methods to calculate unemployment figures. According to the central statistics bureau, unemployment in June totalled 18.1

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Revenue sharing blocks GCC bid to unify customs

ABU DHABI (AFP) --- Gulf Arab Emirates will largely be- before presenting it to an annual Arab states have made headway in their bid to unify customs tariffs on imports but distribution of revenues from such taxes is blocking a final agreement, offi-

cial sources said. Bahrain, which imposes the highest duty in the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), is demanding compensauon for lowering its tartff to bring it in line with a common customs mechanism, rhe sources said.

"Bahrain has the right to demand compensation because it will be seriously affected by the joint GCC tariff," said a Gulf official, who requested anonymity. "As you know, Bahrain relies heavily on tax revenues."

Customs tariffs in Bahrain generally exceed 20 per cent while the proposed GCC tariff ranges from eight to 10 per cent. Countries such as the United

nefit as its tariffs do not exceed four per cent.

Saudi Arabia, the world's 10p crude exporter, Kuwait and Oman also impose high tariffs but they are mainly designed to pro-tect local products. In the remaining GCC member Qatar, tariffs are relatively low.

A joint GCC tariff has been under discussion for more than eight years within plans to create a common Gulf market, as laid down in an economic agreement signed by the alliance in 1982. Such a tariff is one of the conditions set by the GCC's main

Community, for signing a free trade agreement.

GCC finance and economy ministers are due to meet in Riyadh early next month to discuss the proposed common tariff

economic partner, the European

summit in December.

The discussions will focus on a mechanism for customs rariffs on foreign imports, tariffs on imports from member states and protection duties," a Gulf official said. "But Bahrain is still insisting on compensation before the im-

plementation of the joint tariff." Unlike the other members, Bahrain heavily depends on taxes for its income as its produces only 40,000 bartels per day of oil.

According to official Bahraini

figures, oil accounted for less than 30 per cent of the Gulf island's total revenues of around \$1.5 billion in 1992.

One of the proposals to resolve the problem is to collect the taxes on imports in all GCC states and redistribute them in a way that will enable members with high tariffs to make up for pan of the

Qatar expanding petrochemical output

ABU DHABI (AFP) --- Qatar is to 360,000 tonnes per year, the sion projects in their oil, gas, expanding its petrochemical production in projects costing 420 million Oatari riyals (\$115.5 million), the United Arab Emirates (UAE) daily Al Khaleej reported.

The projects, to be completed by 1995, would boost output of ethylene by 170,000 tonnes to 500,000 tonnes per year and ol ing oil exporter, and other Gulf polyethylene by 175,000 tonnes states have also launched expan-

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paper said in a report from Doha. Oatar, a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exponing Countries, produces about 350,000 barrels per day of oil and

has embarked on a multi-billion-

dollar gas project at its giant

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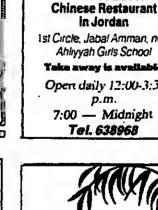




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U.N. prepares to send aid convoy to Mostar Muslims

MOSTAR (R) — The United Nations Monday prepared to no longer going to be bloody-minded and they will allow us to sieged Muslims in Mostar, but the Bosnian Croats controlling access to the city were still refusing permission for convoys to enter.

The U.N. hopes to deliver 130 tonnes of supplies Wednesday to the Muslim side of the city in southwest Bosnia, where 55,000 people are trapped. Food, water and medical supplies are scarce.

A U.N. advance convoy Sunday made a small delivery of medical supplies to the makeshift hospital in the Muslim quarter which is struggling to treat patients without anaesthetic, elec-

tricity or running water. U.N. officials were holding fresh negotiations Monday with the Bosnian Croat Forces (HVO) who control the access routes into Mostar to gain entry to the Mushm sector, but reported little

progress.
"We very much hope that Wednesday will be the day that

take a convoy through," said Lyndail Sachs, spokeswoman for the U.N. High Commissioner for

She said the price of taking aid to the Muslims may be to deliver an equal amount to the Croatheld part of the city, which still needed belp, although less than the Muslim sector.

The Muslim-held part of the west bank of the Neretva River has been reduced to rubble by fighting between Muslim-led government forces and HVO.

Most Muslim civilians have moved to the east bank, joining residents crowded into buildings on streets furthest away from the constant threat of mortar and snipere fire. Even here, there are many bombed-out buildings.

The quarter was relatively quiet Monday morning, after almost continuous sniping and shelling over the past few days.

govic in Sarajevo appealed to the United Nations Security Council for help in getting emergency aid to the Muslim-held quarter, describing the siege as a "true catas-

In a letter to the U.N., Mr. Izetbegovic said Bosnian Croat Forces had conducted an ethnic cleansing campaign to clear the area of Muslims and urged that the southwestern city be declared a U.N. safe area similar to

Sarajevo Amid the fighting, Serb, Croat and Muslim assemblies are due to meet separately this week to discuss a proposed peace agreement that emerged last week from peace talks in Geneva.

The Bosnian Republic's parliament will meet Friday to debate the plan, but Mr. Izetbegovic said he would tell the representatives to reject the compromise agree-

ment. "I will not propose that they vote for such a proposal," he told reporters Sunday. If further talks fail, the Bosnian president said differences would have to be settled in combat.

Government army officers dismissed the peace map that would carve Bosnia into three ethnic mini-states.

"If the government decides to accept the plan there would be a military coup," said an officer who ideotified himself as Nezir, deputy commander of the 17th Brigade in the central Bosnian city of Travnik.

Croat and Serb leaders have said the plan was the best compromise that could be achieved. "I will fight for acceptance of the plan," Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic told Reuters

Television. He said if the war continued, the Muslims would be beld responsible A source in the Bosnian Serbs'

self-styled parlia ant in Pale outside Sarajevo, s I the assembly expected to mec Saturday and

Mandela: Government lacks will to end unrest

JOHANNESBURG (R) - African National Congress (ANC) leader Nelson Mandela said Monday that South Africa's white minority government did not have the will or desire to end the violence sweeping the country.

The ANC chief said Sunday's massacre of 12 blacks at a metal -factory was part of a bloody campaign to stop the transition to

"We have suggested ways to the government to end the violence. It is clear the government has either lost control of the security forces or elements in the secures forces are doing what the government wants them to do." . Mr. Mandela told reporters.

"It is clear there are elements determined to derail the peace process. We must expect this to continue until a new, democratic and legitimate government is in

Clashes

erupt in

The Scaw Metals' factory dead were among at least 35 people killed in weekend violence throughout South Africa.

Eleven people died in the East Rand townships of K: lehong. Tokoza and Volsoorus 'espite the presence of large num- ers of police and soldiers.

At least 12 were killed in Natal province, including a black man and woman riddled by bullets in highway ambush near Estcourt is the Natal midlands.

At least 900 people have be killed in political violence sir early July when multi-party neg tiators set April 27 as the date for South Africa's first all-race elections. Nearly half have died in Johannesburg's satellite

The ANC demands a multiparty national peacekeeping force be set up urgently to restore peace to townships ravaged by factional fighting.

It charges hardline elements in the white-led security forces are fomenting violence to divide blacks and perpetuate apartheid - an accusatison vigorously denied by the police and army.

Deputy Law And Order Minister Gert Myburgh Monday visited wounded victims of the factory attack at Germiston south of Johannesburg and said police would vigorously hunt the three olack gunmen.

He appealed to hostel-dwellers not to seek revenge for the killiog, one of the most savage incidents since black gunmen killed 11 people, most of them white, at St. James's Church in Cape Town last month.

The Germiston gunmen, armed with AK-47 rifles, opened fire on Xhosa-speaking workers and their wives who were holding an outdoor meeting. The attack took place near where gunmen

stopped a mini-bus taxi shot dead seven Zulus last month.

Most of South Africa's township warfare is between predominantly Xhosa-speaking ANC supporters and followers of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom

The government offered a 250,000 rand (\$80,000) reward for information leading to the arrest of the factory killers - the same as put up over the Cape Town church killing. The ANC had demanded the police treat the factory slaughter on the same level as the killing of the whites.

Tony Harris, managing director of Scaw Metals, a subsidiary of the Anglo American Corporation, said in a statement: "The hostel has a non-political profile. Those living in this bostel comprise different ethnic groups and include supporters of several different political parties.

leaders get lavish

welcome

nam, their country s most power-

ful neighbour.

to Hanoi officials. A United Nations spokesman in Cambodia Monday said Khmer Rouge guerrillas were suspected of killing two Vietnamese fishermen whose battered and bulletriddled bodies were found in central Cambodia at the weekend. the latest in a new spate of

The Cambodian leaders will also be seeking to establish a personal relationship with Kiet and other Vietnamese officials, as they already have with the heads of Cambodia's other neighbours, Thailand and Laos, in visits over the past month.

Cambodian Hanoi ·

HANOI (R) - Cambodia's new co-presidents. Prioce Norodom Ranariddh and Hun Sen. received a lavish official welcome in Hanoi Monday when they arrived to shore up relations with Viet-

The fate of ethnic Vietnamese residents of Cambodia who have fled attacks by Khmer Rouge Communist guerrillas and are stranded in the border area will be high on the agenda of their talks with Vietnamese Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet, according

anti-Vietnamese violence.

said the remaining 18 hostages held by the rightists could also be freed within hours. The rightist guerrillas, led by former contra rebel Jose Angel Talavera, Alias El Chacal (The Jackal). "announce the immediate ... handover of the people

Angolan forces retake eastern town SAO TOME (Agencies) — Angola) occupied Camanongue Angolan government forces have last October when it went back to retaken the town of Camanongue in eastern Angola from UNITA rebels, Angolan state radio said

wrecks in Sarajevo (AFP photo)

jected Monday a Lithuanian call

for mediation in the dispute over

the Baltic republic's claim for

compensation for 50 years of

"The attempts to put pressure

(on Russia) by using third coun-

tries will produce only a negative response," said Vyasheslav Kos-

tikov, the spokesman for President Boris Yeltsin, quoted by

Earlier the Vilnius government

condemned Moscow's decision

Sunday to balt its withdrawal of

the 2,500 Russian troops in

Lithuania and to break off talks

EL ZUNGANO, Nicaragua (R)

Sonday 20 of the 38 Nicaraguan

government officials and leftist

Sandinista politicians they have been holding hostage sioce

But as the captives walked free

in this northern village, a second

hostage standoff continued in the

capital Managua where leftist

gunmen have seized the country's

vice-president and a score of

Francisco Mayorga, spokes-

man for a negotiating commission

seeking the release of the hos-

tages near this remote mountain

village in northern Nicaragua.

Thursday, officials said,

other top politicians.

Rightist guerrillas released

Soviet occupation.

Interfax.

Monday. The radio, monitored in the island state of Sao Tome and Principe, said government troops inflicted dozens of casualties on UNITA fighters in the weekend battle for Camanongue, 52 kilometres from the previously besieged city on Luena.

Camanongue is on the road north from Luena, capital of Moxico Province, to Saurimo, capital of Lunda South province, which bas also been under rebel siege for several months.

The World Food Programme (WFP) resumed aid flights to Luena and Saurimo last week. It had suspended them after UN-ITA fired at a U.N. plane in northwestern Angola in mid-July. UNITA (the National Union for the Total Independence of

war against the ruling MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola). The two sides signed agree-

An elderly man pulls his belongings on a luggage trolley as he walks by a parking lot full of car

Russia rejects Lithuanian mediation call

"Negotiations are the only

civilised way to solve problems

and the alternative means of poli-

tical, military and ecocomic

pressure are unacceptable," said

the Lithuanian Foreign Ministry

in a statement carried by Inter-

Mr. Kostikov dismissed

Democratic Russia has no re-

A Lithuanian-Russian summit,

due to have taken place Monday handled the affair.

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of which Russia was equally a

held, with 20 people today, Fore-

seeing the handover of the rest in

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read to reporters by Mr. Mayorga

He said the accord was oot

signed by Mr. Talavera but by his

brother and top lientenant, Salva-

dor Talavera, after consultations

A Renter correspondent saw the 20 people, 17 soldiers and three government officials, arrive

in the nearby town of Quilali

The release could be a major

advance towards resolving the

two hostage standoffs, which

have highlighted the bitter post-

war divisions lingering io this

nation of just over three million

people, one of the poorest in the

In Managua, leftist gunmen are

helding hostage Vice-President

Virgilio Godoy, wour eight jour-

nalists and a score of conservative

following their release.

with El Chacal.

victim. Mr. Kostikov said.

Rightist Nicaraguans free 20 hostages

Lithuania's demand for \$146 bil-

lion in compensation as "un-

in Moscow, was postponed inde-

The Russian Foreign Ministry has said the withdrawal, due to be

completed by Aug. 31, would continue, but "with a delay suit-able to Russia, of which the

Lithuanians will be informed."

Lithuanian President Algirdas

Brazauskas said Sunday he would

for help in the dispute.

appeal to international mediators

The prevailing mood in Vilnius.

Mooday was that the Brazauskas

government, which was elected in

May oo a ticket of improving

relations with Moscow, had mis-

politicians of the National

The Managua gunmen have said they will not release their

captives until all those held by the

The leader of the Managua

group of leftist gunmen said ear-

lier Sunday that two hostages

would be released on health

grounds, but it was unclear when.

Mr. Godoy was not among those to be released.

In an explosion of anger earlier

Sunday, Commando 31's men

fired shots in the air and at the

roof of a nearby building where

they said they saw snipers. No

one was hurt and police did not

Alfredo Cesar and other hostages

up against the windows of the

party's headquarters in their

underwear, as human shields

against a feared police attack

flew into Harare at the weekend.

Mr. Beye's predecessor. Briton

Margaret Anstee, organised

U.N.-sponsored peace talks in

the Ivory Coast capital Abidjan

earlier this year, but they col-

lapsed after six weeks when UN-ITA refused to sign a peace pro-tocol which the government

Mr. Beye said Sunday that no

date had yet been set for a new

round of peace talks, which were

expected to start in Harare or

another African capital by Sept.

meets on Sept. 15 to review the Angolan situation. It has

threatened UNITA with sanc-

tions if it does not honour the

1991 peace agreements by then.

"The Angolan army's push against UNITA positions in cen-

tral and southern regions this

month has sbaken the rebel-

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The U.N. Security Council

They also forced UNO leader

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ments to end 16 years of civil war in 1991 but UNITA took up arms again last year after losing elections to the MPLA.

State radio and UNITA radio both reported that government and rebel representatives were due to take part in a series of meetings in the Zimbabwean capital Harare Monday with the aim of resurrecting the peace DIOCESS.

The radios said the U.N. special representative in Angola, Alioune Blondin Beye, Augolan Foreign Minister Venancio de Moura and UNITA's acting secretary for foreign affairs, Paulo Lukamba Gato, would also meet Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe. . Mr. Beye and Mr. De Moura newspaper said here Monday.

President Alexander Rutskoi.

Mr. Makarov raised the temperature of the debate by declaring Chief Prosecutor Valentine Stepankov had entertained ideas of his murder. He produced a tape transcript of an elliptical telephone conversation between Mr. Stepankov, no ally

Mr. Stepankov acknowledged on television Sunday the conversation had taken place but denied murder was being discus-sed. He suggested Mr. Yakubovsky was trying to compromise him. For all the turmoil of the post-Soviet era, Russia has been spared the political violence

blighting other former republics. But in the early bours of Sunday, three shots shattered windows at a Moscow building housing Russia's Ministry of Information and the office of Mr. Yeltsin

launches Asian tour BANGKOK (AFP) — U.S. pop

Michael Jackson

star Michael Jackson launched the Asian leg of his world tour here Monday with a press conference at which he sang not a single note, spoke only nine words and left hundreds of female fans screaming his uame. The 34-year-old Jackson rode onto the stage of a hotel ballroom in a local three-wheeled conveyance known as a "mk-mk," which was decorated with the logo of the soft drink company that is sponsoring his Dangerous tour. That girls in native dress strewed flower petals io his path as the singer stepped onto the stage, and dozens in the crowd shouted "Michael, Michael," trying to get his attention. Throughout the 45minute media event, loudspeaker blared one Jackson hit after another. Then Tony Illsley, president of Pepsi-Cola Asia Pacific, presented Jackson with a check for two million baht (\$80,000) for the singer's Heal the World Foundation. Part of the money will go to charities in Thailand,
Mr. Illsley said. Asked to say a
"few" words, Jackson said: "I
love you, and thank you very, very much," as scores of photo-graphers — most of them stand-ing on chairs — snapped his picture. Jacksoo's tour began last summer in Europe. Details of the Asian leg have been kept shrouded in secrecy, but he is known to be heading for Singa-pore after Bangkok and will also appear in Taipei.

.A. county coroner opens little shop of horrors

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office has its own little shop of borrors where it markets the morbid — from personalised toe tags to skeleton tote bags. There's even a beach towel with a chalk body outline. The gift shop called Skeletons In The Closet also sells T-shirts, coffee mugs and other morgue souvenirs. Proceeds go to a programme aimed at scaring youths out of drinking and driving. "Bodies and death are our business. We're just trying to take advantage of it," said Marilyn Lewis, the coroner's new marketing programme coordinator. The 4 personalised toe tags, used to identify cadavers, are "the real things," she said. The marketing push has raised \$15,000 over-the past year for a programme that brings convicted 16-to 21-yeargue for a firsthand look at the deadly effects of roadway intoxication. "It seems to have a very definite and real impact on people," said Chris Harvey, who oversees the toms. They leave with their eyes wide open and adifferent outlook on life."

5 Filipino prisoners escape jail using gultar

MANILA (R) - Five Filipino prisoners broke out of jail Monday by using the strings of a guitar to saw off the thin metal bars of their detention cell in Manila's Paranaque district, police said. Some of the prisoners pretended to play the guitar and sang songs to cover up the pre-dawn escape. The window opened to a street where witnesses saw the five prisoners get into a van heading for a residential area near the financial: district of Makati, police investigator Maximo Perez said by telephone. The five, ranging in age from 30 to 40, had been jailed for crimes ranging from illegal pos-session of drugs to robbery. Police launched a manhunt for

China cracks biggest pornography case since 1949

PEKING (R) — Police in north China have cracked the biggest pornography case since the Com-munist state was set up in 1949, seizing 680,000 salacious maga-zines, the official Press and Publishing Journal said Monday. The case involved five printing factories in the provinces of Hebei and Shandong, which is the past two years produced 850,000 illegal publications, including the postantial prographic managings. nographic magazines. After a shipment of magazines was unco-vered in Hebei, police arrested the chief of one of the factories and two of his assistants. The factory, set up without a licence in February, had 45 staff, including 20 women — the youngest under 13, the newspaper said.

Venice gondoliers repay fleeced French tourists

VENICE, Italy (R) — Remorse-ful Venetian gondoliers clubbed together to pay back a French couple charged an extortionate 500,000 lire (\$340) for an hour's ride along the city's canals, italian newspapers reported Monday. The couple, from Brittany, had filed a formal complaint be-fore they went home earlier this month. They received a full refund from the gondoliers and a note expressing "profound regrets" at the incident.

Moscow events cast shadow over autumn offensive MOSCOW (R) - A bullet rips ign Minister Andrei Kozyrev

through a minister's office, a top anti-corruption official says be is the target of a murder plot by the chief prosecutor, a second minis-Kremlin power.

struggle with Russia's conserva-

approaching "autumn offensive" against the hardliners the shadow of corruption is growing, longer, with both sides slinging accusations at each other.

Glazyev resigned at the weekend, declaring what all hardliners had long said: "Mafia bands" feeding on corruption were nosing their way to power. He accused two close Yeltsin allies of hounding

The mafia accusations, this time from an insider rather than a shadow over Russia, its aim to

nationalist or Communist foe of undermine our economy," he 'At a time when consolidation is vital in presidential and govern- servative rivals differ on who ment structures, talk about in- stands atop that pyramid, con-

said. Mr. Glazyev linked his sodden fall - his aircraft was recalled to

Moscow hours after leaving for ter steps down accusing "mafia Africa - with new rules he issued bands" of making a push for cutting the number of firms exporting metals and oil. If enforced, the rules could

make inroads into illicit trade below market prices that bas cost Russia millions of dollars. A presidential commission

drew a picture last week of a pyramid of corruption, founded largely on private firms dealing illicitly in oil and metal exports. They controlled a layer of corrupt middle-level officials protected in turn by top law enforcement figures and senior politicians.

Justice Minister Yuri Kalmykov singled out one firm operating from abroad that he said was set up on Communist Party funds smuggled from Russia.

"This firm hangs like a dark

But Mr. Yeltsin and his conis to be deeply regretted," Fore- points the finger directly at pres-

presidential commission, accuses Mr. Rutskoi of keeping a secret Swiss bank account. Mr. Rutskoi denies the charge, insisting he has "suitcases full" of evidence against the Yeltsin administra-

of Mr. Yeltsin, and Dmitry Yakubovsky a former KGB official now living in Canada.

One went through the window of Minister Mikhail Fedotov's office and two others sbattered

It was not immediately clear who fired the rifle shots. Were they intended as a threat to Mr. Fedotov, who formally resigned his post last week, or perhaps the man who will replace him?

Mr. Poltoranin, himself the subject of corruption investigations by Mr. Stepankov, may soon occupy the office that came

crackdown on corruption, putting his house in order for parliamentary elections he hopes will take place this autumn. More ministers may follow Security Minister Viktor Barannikov, sacked for unethical behaviour, and Mr. Glazyev.

sia's market transition, seems to know no political boundaries.

2nd Azeri breakaway region MOSCOW (AFP) - Troops

loyal to a renegade Azerbaijani colonel who has declared indepeodence in the southern Azeri region of Talyshko-Mugansk exchanged gunfire with progovernment demonstrators Monday, the Azeri News Agency. Turan, reported. Turana said there were dead and

wounded on both sides. Quoting the governing Popular Front, the agency said followers of Colonel Alikram Gumbatov opened fire on demonstrators who stormed a local government building where he was staying in the region's main city of Lenkoran. The Protestors fired back, it said.

The Azeri Interior Ministry told the agency the protesters gained control of the building and Col. Gumbatov was reported missing, but it had no further details.

Several Azerbaijani political parties loyal to the authorities in Baku demonstrated Sunday against the separatist drive by Col. Gumbatov, who on Aug. 7 declared the Talyshko-Mugansk Republic a sovereign nation.

The region has about 700,000 inhabitants spread along the Iranian border and the Caspian Sea. Its capital, Lenkoran, has a population of about 126,000. Turan said.

Armenians take Fizuli

Meanwhile separatist Karabakh Armenian forces claimed control of the strategic town of Fizuli after driving out Azerbai-jani troops, both sides to the conflict announced Monday.

The Azerhaijani Defence Ministry said the Armenian troops, who had been besieging Fizuli for two weeks, launched a final assault on the town overmight Saturday.

It said reinforcements from the Azeri army had to be brought in to carry out a diversion tactics in order to allow trapped fellow soldiers to escape through the southern part of town. Armenian military officials said

Monday that their troops had entered Fizuli. located southeast of the disputed Nagorno-Karabkh enclave, "without any combat" Sunday eveolog. "The city was completely empty, there were no soldiers, no

News Agency said, quoting Armenian officials. The fall of Fizuli is a major defeat for the Azerhaijani troops who have been losing ground to the separatists."

Azerbaijani civilians," the Snark

Nigeria signals tough stance against union LAGOS (R) - Nigeria's military that the NLC ultimatum was ma

union's decision to call a strike if ference to Mr. Ahiola's home President Ibrahim Bahangida region. does not quit power by his Friday

Chukwumerije said in the capital Labour Congress (NLC) voluntary in line with the International election. Labour Organisatison's stan-

NLC gets through a compulsory ca's most populous nation.

check-off system. and the 50,000-strong oil workers tarily group Nupeng have threatened to "B. strike from the weekend unless General Babangida surrenders power by Aug. 27 when he had repeatedly pledged he would

hand over to civilians. Nupeng, whose strike could cripple crude oil exports. Nigeria's main source of foreign exchange, said power should be handed to Moshood Abiola, the muslim millionaire businessman believed to have won last June's

annulled presidential pr." Mr. Chukwumerije, . trade uoionist, said trade unionist, said kers keep my fate with destiny," he should defy the strike. ding said.

making his first policy speech to

parliament Monday, made a for-

mai apology for his country's

wartime atrocities in Asia but

held back from offering com-

Mr. Hosokawa, who rode to

power on an anti-graft platform,

also pledged a crackdown on

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actions, including aggression and

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Japan would contribute "more

Leaders of previous adminis-

tration under the Liberal Demo-

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Hosokawa's multi-party alliance,

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Nigeria Monday entered one of the most crucial weeks in its Information Minister Uche history with no indication how Gen. Babangida, in power since Ahuja the plan was to make 1985, planned to resolve the crisis membership of the Nigeria that has ingulfed the country

since he cancelled the June 12 "This is the week that makes or dards, the News Agency of Nigeria reported.

Voluntary membership would

that the political crisis could erupt severely reduce the funds the into widespread violence in Afri-

Mr. Abiola said Gen. Babangi-The 3.5-million-strong NLC, da would not leave office volun-

Babangida has no intention of bonouring bis many promises to hand over power to a democratically-elected civilian government," he said in statements faxed to Reuters from London, where he bas been rallying support for his claim to the

Mr. Abiola said he had delayed returning to Nigeria on the advice of family and friends that it was not safe but pledged he would be back by Aug. 27. "I will be back rmer on Nigerian soil by the 27th. I will

ness to face Japan's past has

already stirred demands by Asian

war victims. Over 13,000 Indone-

sians who worked as forced

labourers during the 1942-45

Japanese occupation have reg-

Taiwanese, South Korean and

Malaysian women forced to serve

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Foreign Minister Tsutomu

Hata said last week that, while

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istered to seek compensation.

Hosokawa apologises for war; will tackle corruption TOKYO (R) — Japanese Prime cion that Japan felt little, if any, Minister Moribiro Hosokawa, remorse for its wartime conduct. The government's new willing-

Recent events in Moscow pro-vide an increasingly sinister back-drop to Presideot Boris Yeltsin's

tive parliament. As Mr. Yeltsin prepares his

Foreign Trade Minister Sergei him from office.

Mr. Yeltsin, may cut deep. fighting in the cabinet rather than trolling the officials, taking the admissions of professional errors bribes. Mr. Yeltsin's commission idential enemies, including Vice-

Andrei Makarov, head of the

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panes on the same floor.

Mr. Yeltsin, facing an attempt by parliament to increase its hold over television, may appoint a more aggressive figure.

uoder fire. Mr. Yeltsin has promised a.

But it is unclear how far Mr. Yeltsin can risk going in his purge without undermitting his own power. Corruption, inherited from the Soviet order and flourishing in the chaos of Rus-

By the Associated Press BOLIVIA VIRTUALLY elinched its first World Cup berth since 1950 while Brazil and Argentina both rook the lead in their respective groups with vic-

tories Sunday as south American World Cup qualifying started to look the way most had predicted. The Bolivians, the surprise of the tournament, broke open a 1-0 game at halftime with six goals in the second half, two each by Milron Melgar and Marco Etcheverry to rout Venezulea 7-0 and earn their fifth victory in as

many games. Outscoring opponents 20-2. Bolivia has 10 points, four better than Brazil and six better than Ecuador and Uruguay, Bolivia, Brazil and Ecuador have three games remaining. Uruguay has four. Only the top two tvams from South American Group B will qualify for the 24-team World

Cup field in the United States. Brazil elaimed second place in the group with a 2-0 victory over Ecuador and Argentina moved back ahead of Colombia and into the group a load with a 2-1 victory

Colombia slipped behind on goal differential with a 1-1 draw at Paraguay,

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In Europe, Martin Dahlin saved Sweden with France and keeping both arop Group 6. Bolivia's victory set off celebra-

tions throughout the country and La Paz streets were filled with fans waving flags and banners. It was Bolivia's second rout over Venezuela, having won 7-1 on July 18 in both team's openers in Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela.

In Sao Paulo, Brazil, Bebeto scored one in the first half and then set up Dunga for another in the secood in a match that may not please all of Brazil's critics, but should at least tame them for the moment.

With a defence that didn't require goalkeeper Claudio Taffarel to make any saves, Brazil improved to 2-2-1, abead of Ecuador and Uruguay in the race for the second of two Group B

In Buenos Aires, Argenna Gabriel Batisluta and Ramon Medina Bello scored five minutes apart in the first half to pace

Batistuta gave Argentina the na Bello added his in the 38th to the delight of the capacity crowd of 50,000 at River Plate Stadium. | berter preparation, or position to World Athletics Championships

China sweeps women's distance events Russia; U.S. win relays as competition ends

quarter-milers brought the World Athletics Championship to a glorious end Sunday with a world record run in the relay. And but for a photo-tinish de-

cision which went the other way, the Americans would have won all four telays on the final day. Gail Devetes had missed liet third gold meda! when Inna Privalova closed her eyes and heat her in a photo-finish to the 4×100

relav. Michael Johnson, the individual gold medallist, anchored the 4×400m win in 2min 54.29sec.

That sliced 1.34 sec off the standard set in last year's Olympies when the only difference was that Steve Lewis was running. Butch Reynolds, individual silver medallist, replaced him here for his first gold medal sinve anchortng the U.S. team in the 1987 World Championships. Andrew Valmon and Quincy Watts ran the first two legs.

Johnson was unofficially timed at 42.98see for the last leg, beating the previous fastest of 43.1sec, set by Watts in the second leg in Barcelona.

That took the United States' medals to 13 gold, seven silver and six bronze.

Jeati Miles, the women's 400m champion, won her second gold by anchoring the U.S. relay team. Privatova's strong finish Ruto in the 800m.

STUTTGART (AFP) — The brought Russia only their third United States' magnificent gold medal. Their 3-8-5 fully put them second to China who yourpleted a clean sweep of the women's distance races when Liu Dong won the 1.500m. Qu Yurx-ia won the 3.000m and Wang Junxia took thy 10,000m. China's other gold come from

shot putter Huang Zhiliong who in Tokyo two years ago became the first Asian world champion. Samson Kitur Hung himself across the line to win a silver for Kenya in the men's 4×400 relay. That was their second of the day after Moses Tanui lost his

shoe and the race to Ethiopia's Hade Gebresilasie on the final lap of the 10,000m. Tanui, champion in Tokyo in 1991, kicked his shoe away at the start of the last lap but despite opening up a gap on the back-stretch he was overtaken 31

metres from the fittish. His slice came off when Gehtesituac, who had followed the three Kenyans throughout the rave, trod on his heel.

A Kenyan protest was rejected and the Ethnopian, who had timed his finish two late to carch Kenya's Ismael Kitui in the 5,000m could keep lin-gold.

Kenva's three gold medals, which placed them level with Butani in fourth place, came from Ismael Knur, 19, who wort the 5,000m, Moses Kipitanui in the 3,000m steeplechase and Paul



U.S. sprinter Malcel Malone right passes the baton to Natasha Kaiser-Browo during the women's 4×400 relay race (AFP photo)



The U.S. 4×400 metre relay team of (left to right) Butch Reynolds, Andrew Valmon, Quincy Watts and Michael Johnson pose in front of the scoreboard after winning gold and setting a new world record

Linford Christie, 100m cham-pion, and Colin Jackson, 110m hurdles winner, collected silvers as the British 4×400m relay squad finished behind the United

Britain's other gold medallist, intermediate hurdler Sally Gunnell, won a silver in the women's 4×400m relay, Jackson and Gunnell, along

with Russian triple jumper Ana Biryukova, were the only other world record-breakers at these championships. A world junior tecord for the women's 10,000nt was erased

when China's Wang Junxia revealed slie was born in 1973 and not in 1976. World record-holder Javiet Sotomayor added the world ehampionship to his Olympic title

in the high jump for Cuba's second gold medal. loamnel Quintero had won the women's high jump on Saturday. Tina Hattestad won Norway's only gold medal in the women's

Merlene Ottey, denied the 100m title by a questionable reading of the photo-finish, won her first championship gold medal in 13 years of top competition in the 200m. She added a bronze in Sunday's sprint relay but could not say if, at 33, she would go to Gothenburg for the next cham-

pionships in two years' time. Carl Lewis, involved in two of the most memorable highlights of the Tokyo Championships, failed

to win anything here but refused

to admit a glorious cateet was His 100m world record win in Tokyo and a marvellous long jump battle with Mike Powell, who eventually wrote Bob Beamon's name out of the record charts, may not have been quite matched here but standards as a whole were higher.

The medals were more widely spread as they went to athletes from 30 nations against 29 in



Cuban Javier Sotomayor clinches his fist after winning the gold in the high jump (AFP

Tokyo and 57 countries, 11 up on Tokyo, placed athletes in the top

Three athletes from the former Soviet empire were caught using

drugs.
Dmitty Polyumn of Uzbekisran was stripped of his men's javelin bronze niedal, Lilya Nururdinova of Russia, and Lithuania's Olympie discus champion Roman Ubartas, face four-year bans for steroid use.

Nututdinova, world champion in Tokyo in 1991 and Olympic silver medallist last year, finished seventh in the women's \$00m final after failing. Ubartas was fourth here. Morceli ends controversial

week in style

At last people talked about his pace instead of his price.

Noureddine Morceli, who threatened to boycott the World Athletics Championships because no prize money was being paid, walked away with the most prestigious medal of all when he successfully defended his 1,500 metres title Sunday.
The Algerian world record hol-

der burst away from the field in a brilliant last lap to win the blue riband event in three minutes 34,24 seconds with Olympic champion Fermin Cacho of Spain in his wake.

Cacho, who was left in Moreeli's slipstream 500 mettes out, finished second in 3:35.56 with Abdi Bilke of Somalia third in 3:35.96,

Morceli ended the most controversial week of his life wrapped in an Algerian flag as he logged around the Stuttgart track in a lap of honour.

More attention has been focussed on Morceli's protests about appearance money in Stuttgart than his form on the track.

The Algerian alleged that eight-times Olympie champion Carl Lewis was paid appearance money — a claim vehemently denied by both Lewis's manager and the sport's governing body, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF).



Krabbe banned for 2 years

STUTTGART (AP) - The International Amateur Athletic Federation banned German sprinter Katrin Krabbe for two years effective Sunday for bringing the sport into distepute, track sources said. Krabbe, winner of the 100 and 200 at the 1991 World Championships, was suspended for four years after failing an out-of-competition drug test last year.

In contradiction of IAAF sanctions, the German Federation DLV reduced the suspension to one year. The DLV said it had no provisions for out-of-competition testing in its own rates and that German courts don't accept a four-year ban.

In May, the IAAF Council said Krabbe would remain suspended until it decided whether the case needed to go to arbitration. The German Federation has been pushing the IAAF Council to

make a final decision or take the case to arbitration, The avoid arbitration, the council decided to suspend Krabbe for two years for bringing the sport into disrepute, but not on doping charges. No arbitration can be called in case an athlete is suspended on disrepute charges, said the sources, who spoke on the cordition of anonymity.

The ban means Krabbe will not be able to compete at the 1995 World Championships in Goteborg, Sweden, just as she missed the worlds that ended Sunday in Stuttgart. Thorsten Heuser, Krabbe's legal adviser, said he would put

pressure on the German Federation to request arbitration. But Heuser spoke before it became clear that Krabbe was being banned on disrepute charges, not for doping. German track sources have said that the IAAF Council feels it

would lose its case before an arbitration panel.

Krabbe already won an earlier doping case that went to arbitra-

The IAAF two-year ban also covers two other German sprinters. Grit Breuer and Manuela Derr. The sources said Krabbe and the two other aprinters had admitted

laking elenbuterol, and had made hostile statements directed at the IAAF, providing the reason to ban them for bringing the sport into disrepute.

Krabbe admitted taking asthma medicine which contained clen-buterol, but said she didn't know it was illegal. The IAAF considers cleanbuterol a banned substance. When the German Federation banned Krabbe for a year, it said

she was guilty of "medication abuse." The German ban was to have expired on Aug. 14, when the World

Championships began in Stuttgart, Three other doping cases were on the agenda of the council, but no

decision was immediately known. John Ngugi, the five-time world cross-country champion from Kenya, was banned for four years after refusing to submit to an out-of-competition test earlier this year. The Kenyans are pressing

for an arbitration heating in the ease.

Iris Biba, a German 10,000-metre runner, is contesting a drug ban on grounds of "exceptional circumstances."

So is Russian Hurdler Lyudmila Narozhilenko, who claims that her estranged husband put steroids into her prescribed medication.*

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: •10 ♥K952 ♥KQ107 •AJ74 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 Page 1 Page

What do you bid now? A.—In support of hearts, your hand revalues to some 16 points, which is borderline for a simple raise to two hearts and a jump to three hearts. Since only the jack of clubs might be a wasted value. We favor the aggressive action. Bid

Q.2-Both vulnerable, as South \$10 7K83 OAQJ86 4QJ88 The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 0 Pass 1 \(\nabla\) Pass

Wher do you hid now? A.—The clue to this answer lies in the previous example, where we had four-card support for partner's suit and the same high-card count. With only three hearts, this hand is not as good as the first, so we would an good as the 1894, so we would treat it as a minimum opener worth only an immediate raise to two hearts. Rebidding two clubs is a distant second choice.

Q.3-Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
AKJ 797 C1093 &KJ1054
The bidding has proceeded:
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What do you bid now? A.—Only two bids come into consideration—a rebid of two clubs or one no trump. (If you're one of those "invective" souls who bid one spade, skip the rest of this quiz.) Since this is essentially a balanced hand, we opt for one no trump, even though the dismond stopper is non-

ican Jim Courier concluded an

exceptional week at the \$1.04

million RCA Championships

The second-seeded Courier could not have asked for any

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold: +6542 774 0109853 +72 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East Pass Pass 1 6 Dbl

What action do you take?

A.—You passed mittally because you have nothing, and not even four-card support for partner's suit changes that. No matter how you look at the hand, it's miserable. Pass, and spare partner from get-ting into trouble.

Q.5-Neither vulnerable, as South

What action do you take? A.—There is no law that says you have to rebid a six-card suit, especially this poor one. Chances of finding partner with support are slight, and you know you have a combined eight-card heart fit. Take a preference to two hearts.

Q.6-As South, vulnerable, you

bold:

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What is your opening bid?

A.—It's simply a question of whether you rate the hand worth a reverse, in which case you should open one heart; or not, in which case you open one spade and rebid hearts as cheaply as possible. Ex-change the king of clubs for a low heart and one heart, followed by a reverse into spades, would be clearcut. As it is, our choice is an opening bid of one spade.

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INDIANAPOLIS (R) — Amer- he in, heading to the U.S. Open the week after next.

Courier will jump to the tup spot in the world rankings, thanks Sunday with an impressive 7-5 6-3 to Pete Sampras losing to un-

> Until now, summer has not been treating Courier to well, after losing the Wintblydon final to Sampras, Courier made early exits in Montreal and Cincinnati. But things changed dramatical-

> ly herv. Courier did mit drop a set all week on the way to his victory and he only lost his serve twice while facing 12 hreak points in 46

service games this tournament.
"It is the best I have felt going in (to the Open)," he said. "Who knows what that means. I felt pretty poor the last two years and reached the finals and semis at the Open."

Courier won \$144,000 for his fifth title of the year. Only Sampras and Austrian Thomas Mustes have won as many titles in



Jennifer Capriati

1993. Only two of his 14 career titles have come between July and December. The fourth-ranked Becker.

Courier beats Becker; Graf overcomes Capriati

who won \$75,905, was hoping to victory over Boris Becker of Ger- heralded Patrick Rafter earlier win his third title of 1993. Even he lost. aged by his performance.
"I've come from a real first-

tound struggle to the final where I was playing really good against Jim," said Borts. "I Ihink Ihis was probably one of my best lournaments all year, even though I didn's win it. Just one week before the last grand slam of the year, it is very encouraging."

Graf beats Capriati: Steffi Graf won her fifth-consecutive tournament on Sunday, coming back from a mid-match battering to heat American Jennifer Capriati 6-1 0-6 6-3 to win the \$750,000 Canadian Open.

The top seeded Graf earned \$150,000 for her victory at the hard court event and has now won five tournaments in a row dating back to the German Open

Graf, ranked number one in the world, took the first set easily, winning five consecutive games after both players had held their opening serves.

"I couldn't have played much better in the first set," Graf said, "my forehand was working in-credibly well."

In the second set, the sixthseeded Capriati, capitalising on a rash of errors from Graf's vaunted forehand, turned things around and took just 24 minutes to record a rare love set (6-0) against the 24-year-old German.



round of the German Open in Berin when her compatriot Sabine Hack won the first set 6-0 before losing 0-6 6-3 6-2.

Capriati, ranked nine, lost her serve in the opening game of the final set and soon found herself trailing 1-5 as Graf regained the form she had displayed in the first

Capriati, playing with renewed vigour and enthusiasm, which she attributed in part to not having the distraction of her studies because she is on summer holidays before her last year of school, was pleased with her performance. "I'm very happy with the way 1 played to get to the final," she

Medvedev beats Korda: In New Haven, Connecticut, Andrei The last was in May in the third Medvedev, an 18-year rising star

from Ukraine beat Petr Korda of Cezchoslovakia 7-5 6-4 to win the \$1.04 million Volvo International tennis tournament Sunday.

Medvedev, the fifth-seed who won \$152,000, was helped by Korda's 42 unforced errors. It was the third singles title of the year for the young power-hitter from Kiev.

A crowd of 11.347 saw the 78-minute match at Connecticut Tennis Centre. Medvedev was down 3-5 and

three set points in the first set before turning things around. Korda held a 5-2 lead in that set. "I came out with my legs feelings sore and I wasn't running very well," said Medvedev, the youngest winner in the tournament's 21-year history. "And I knew the only chance I had to win was to serve well and to run."

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Egypt opens new trial, PLO facing confidence limits media coverage crisis—Sai'd

CAIRO (Agencies) — Military judges on Monday for the second time in three days limited news coverage at trials of Muslim extremists accused of antigovernment violence.

The trials, where defendants are kept in courtroom cages, provide a dramatic forum for the suspects to voice complaints against the government and accusations of prison torture.

Western reporters were harred Monday from covering the opening of the trial of eight Muslim extremists accused of killing two people in a failed attempt to assassinate an army general.

Egyptian reporters were allowed in as "ordinary citizens" and then agreed, after discussion with the judge, not to publish details that would be damaging to state security.

On Saturday, journalists working for foreign news agencies were blocked from a military court sentencing of Muslim extremists for murder and the robberies of Christian jewellers to finance their radical activities. Four were ordered hanged.

A military intelligence officer told Western reporters Saturday they were barred because their coverage would be damaging to Egypt's image ahroad.
The limitations on coverage

follow renewed criticism of military courts after a civilian court nine days ago acquitted 24 suspected militaots of murder charges, maintaining prosecutors had depended on evidence from confessions forced by torture,

. The issue of mistreatment of prisoners has been a recurring theme at recent trials of extrem-

Radicals have waged a violent campaign since early 1992 to try to overthrow Egypt's secular government and replace it with an Islamic state. More than 190 people have been killed in their attacks or hattles between the extremists and authorities. The militants brought to the

Red Mountain courthouse in Cairo on Monday are accused of opening fire on July 18 at the motorcade of Major General Osman Shaheen, commander of Cairo's central military area.

He was not wounded, but two gunmen, a policeman and a passerby were killed. Six others were

The extremist Al Gamma Al Islamiyah, claimed responsibility, saving the attack was to avenge the banging of Muslim extremists. Since December, 14 militants have been hanged after convictions by military courts. Twelve others still face death sentences. Four of the eight defendants in Monday's case are still at large. All face the death penalty if

Defence attorneys told the head of the three-judge military court, Major General. Abdul Moneim Nafea, that two of their clients had been beaten in jail, Egyptian reporters said. The judge ordered the suspects examined by doctors.

The military prosecution said the wounds were incurred when they were beaten by civilians during their arrest.

President Hosni Muharak started sending Muslim extremist cases to military courts in October to speed up trials.

The military court ordered a news hlackout in the case just after the attack on Gen. Shaheen. The court ordered limitations on news coverage to continue when the case reconvenes next Sunday.

Pakistan pleads inability

Militaotswanted by Egypt for bomh attacks and assassination attempts might be moving freely between Pakistan and Afghanistan under forged passports and false names, a diplomat said Mooday. Islamabad had told Cairo it had

been unable to trace in its any Muslim militants that the Egyptian authorities would like to see sent hack, he added. A three-man Pakistani delega-

tion visited Egypt at the end of June and held talks for three days with Interior Minister Hassan Al Alfi and other senior security The Pakistanis provided de-

tailed lists of Egyptians who vi-sited Pakistan but the Egyptians said there was no record of up to 30 wanted militants. The Egyptian officials told the Pakistanis the suspects might

have entered under different names and forged passports. Egyptian officials have raised the issue again after last Wednesday's bomh attack on Gen. Alfi in Cairo. A government source said on Monday Cairo was pressing Islamahad to do its utmost to find

and expel Egyptian militants. Security authorities, stumped for clues, believe the attack on Gen. Alfi was carried out hy

they say is led by Ayman Al

Zawahri who moves between

Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran.

Mohammad Siddiq Saljooque, the Afghan ambassador to Cairo,

told Reuters about 300 Egyptians had heen living in Afghanistan

Pakistan has come under press-

ure from the United States and

several Arab states, particularly

Egypt, Algeria and Saudi Arahia,

wbo say Muslim militants were

using its Peshawar province as a

safe haven to plan operations

Earlier this year, Pakistani au-

thorities told Arabs io the coun-

try without valid papers to leave

Pakistan to help Mujahedeen

guerrillas in neighbouring Afgha-

nistan during the 14-year war

against the Soviet-backed govern-

after Moscow pulled out its

Two killed in shootout

A policeman and a villager

were killed in an exchange of fire

Sunday in a police sweep to col-lect unlicensed firearms in vil-

lages in a southern Egypt area of

anti-government activism, the In-

The ministry said in a state-ment issued in Cairo that a

policeman was killed and three

were wounded when gunmen

opened fire as police entered the

Village of Hawatka near Assiot,

which is 320 kilometres south of

Cairo. A villager died in the

return fire, two were injured and

three were arrested, the state-

Assiot and nearby villages are strongholds for Muslim extrem-

But police said that the move

into the village was to collect

unlicensed arms used in southern

Egyptian villages to settle vendet-

tas, or feuds between families

that grow out of individual

clashes. Villagers often resist con-

fiscation of their arms, and simi-

lar shootouts bave taken place in

A similar police push into other

villages earlier Sonday resulted io

zure of dozens of weapons, police

said. Some of those arrested were

suspected members of outlawed

terior Ministry said.

meot added.

the past.

extremist groups.

Thousands of Arabs went to

face arrest.

but many of them had left.

LONDON (AP) — The Palestine Liheration Organisation (PLO) is facing a confidence crisis following the resignation of Executive Committee members protesting the handling of Middle East peace talks, prominent Palestinian scholar Edward Saed said Mon-

day.
"I think we are at an enormously important crossroads," said Edward Sai'd, an author and professor at Columbia University n New York.

Dr. Sai'd said Friday's resignation of poet Mahmoud Darwish and Sunday's announcement by Shafiq Al Hout that he was suspendiog his membership in the PLO's executive hody were

"enormously significant."
"Both of them represent the last... independent figures inside the executive committee of the PLO," Dr. Sai'd told British Broadcasting Corporation Radio.

ment. Many of them stayed on Mr. Hout cited "irresponsible and adventurous" policies towards the peace talks by the PLO's top leadership and accused PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat of mismanaging the movement's

> He also called for a meeting of the Palestine National Council (PNC) to adopt a clear policy regarding the Arab-Israeli peace talks, due to resume in Washington on Aug. 31. Mr. Darwish told Mr. Arafat in

his resignation letter that he would rather quit than watch the group make concessions in the talks, PLO sources said. Dr. Sai'd asked whether their

criticisms amounted to a crisis of confidence in Mr. Arafat, said oh, absolutely. He said the crisis was sparked

partly by Mr. Arafat's leadership style, and also by "sacrifices" the PLO has made in the negotia-He said Mr. Arafat "has sort of

gone off on his own a bit. He is also surrounded by sycopbants and not only that, but be's also very much a loner... has refused to delegate authority," he said. "At the same time that his

people in Washington have been negotiating in one direction, he's been negotiating another, changing his mind," he said.
"I think there's an overall feel-

the arrest of 45 people and seiing that amongst Palestinians, myself included, that we gave op too many things just to stay in the oegotiations according to the

Group 40 for National Sovereignty. The group is holding some 35 hostages including Vice President Castilia both members of the National Opposition Union (UNO) stand in their underwear in front of Virgilio Godoy (see page 8) Jordanian, Palestinian officials to discuss economic coordination

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporters

HOSTAGES: Alfredo Cesar, former president of

Nicaragua's National Parliament and Humberto

AMMAN - Jordanian officials and Palestinian delegates meet here Tuesday to discuss economic coordination during the five-year interim Palestinian self-rule period in the occupied territories and review a World Bank report on

Palestinian economy.

The Palestinian team. headed by Yousef Sayegh, leader of the Palestinian team to the working committee on regional ecoonmic group of the multilateral phase of the Middle East peace process, was meeting Monday to prepare for Tuesday's meeting, said Ghassan Al Khatib, a Palestinian peace negotiator.

Officials said the Jordanian team to the meeting will be-headed by Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs Jawad Al Anani and will include senior officials from the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ).

Dr. Khatib said the meeting. the first of its kind on an experts-level, "will focus on Jordanian-Palestinian economic coordination" and that "political issues will be discussed in general terms.

The discussions will be limited to economic issues related to the interim self-rule period and will not be linked to 'the final status of economic ties" between the two banks of the River Jordan, other Palestinian sources said.

"The talks will in no way overlap or have an impact oo the final status political negotiations with the Israelis," said one source. Those negotiations are slated to start in the third year of the autonomy period. In addition to Mr. Sayegh,

head of the delegation and a Tunis-based advisor to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian team to the Amman meetings will include Samir Huleilel, Samir Barghouti and Atef Alawneh, all from the occupied territories.

The economic talks in Amman are part of a series of meetings planoed this week between Jordanian officials and Palestinian delegates and advisors on six joiot committees which were formed last mooth to study the various aspects of a future Jordanian-Palestinian confederatioo, Jordaoian and Palestinian sources said.

Issues expected to be discussed in the economic context include possibilities of Jordan helping Palestinians set up projects in the occupied territories, exchange of Palestinian and Jordanian goods, the us-age of Jordanian currency in the occupied territories, reopening of Jordanian commercial banks there, and manpower movement.

The Palestinian delegation, which bas been bolding talks with Israelis on such issues in occupied Jerusalem and elsewhere, will brief the Jordanian side on the outcome of discussions with the occupation au-

Faisal Husseini, the overall head of the Palestinian delegation to peace talks with Israel, met io occupied Jerusalem Sonday with seoior Israeli Foreign Ministry officials on economic development of the occupied territories. Teddy Kollek, the Israeli Mayor of Jerusaiem, attended the meet-

Reports said the meeting focused specifically on economic issues and possibilities of foreign investment in Palestinian projects. "Investment from various sources, including European sources, were discussed," an Israeli spokeswoman was quoted as saying.

Economic anlaysts have said that Israel is seeking to ensure that any Palestinian economic

plan will somehow be tied to the economy of the Jewish state, particularly that the occupied territories are one of the major markets for Israeli

the windows as protection for the group known as

On the other hand, Jordan prefers to see the Palestinian economy free of all Israeli

During the Amman meetings, the Jordanians and Palestinians will-also review a report prepared by the World Bank on the economic status of the occupied territories.

The report, which the World Bank drew op in line with the recommendations of the multilateral working committee on regional economic development, envisages up to \$10 billioo to be invested and spent on the occupied territories in various infrastructure projects and improving social and health services.

Very little details are available on the report and sources familiar with the document say it is not final yet.

Both Jordanians and Palestinians have reservations on some of the contents of the "Both would like to iocorporate additioos as well as amendments to the report."

In the mitial stage, the report recommends pumping up to \$1.2 billion into the occupied territories to set up infrastructure and mobilise services in the long-neglected land.

It is oot clear who would actually foot the bill, hut the European Community, Japan and other countries have reaffirmed their willingness to contribute to improving the living conditions of the Palestinians and shore up the economy of the occupied territories.

Dr. Khatih said no specific projects in the report would be discussed. "We have not reached that stage yet." he

in this way. When the group was

discovered its members were put

under surveillance, but when the

circle widened certain measures

against them had to be taken

immediately. Through iovestiga-

tions, those responsible - the

Islamic Liberation Party - was

pinpointed and the group will now be referred to court."

Jordan's request to U.S. Secret-

ary of State Warren Christopher

during his last visit to Jordan to

end the siege imposed on Agaba

as part of the sanctions imposed

on Iraq, the King said: "We are

awaiting a reply to this request.

Indeed, this is a very serious

matter and there is no justifica-

tioo for the sanctions on Aqaba,

countries by the end of this

month. The tour will take him to

Thailand, China, North Korea,

In reply to a question about

Clinton plays in charity golf tournament

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, Massachusetts (R) — President Bill Clinton helped Martba's Vineyard hospital raise \$54,000 in charitable contributions hy playing golf. "Oh no" he, cried when his first shot went awry. During a drive shot later in the game, he shouted "whoa, mama." Mix. Clinton participated in the hospital's eighth annual golf tournament with Washington power hroker Vernon Jordan, who headed Mr. Clinton's postelection transition to the White House, as well as Assistant Attorney General Webster Hobbell and Sheidon Hackney, newly confirmed head of the National Endowment for Humanities. Matthew Stackpole, president of the hospital foundation, said Mr. Jordan paid the \$250 entry fee for Mr. Clinton and the rest of the foursome. He said contributions this year totalled \$54,000, the best year on record. Mr. Clinton is on a 10-day vacation to this resort island 11 kilometres off the coast of the U.S. mainland.

Surviving slamese twin remains stable

PHILADELPHIA (R) — Seven-week-old Angela Lakeberg re-mained in critical hut stable condition, 48 hours after the operation that separated her from herlate siamese twin sister Amy. Officials at children's hospital of Philadelphia reported no change in the infant's condition, increasing hopes that the delicate, fiveand-a-half hour operation performed Friday would prove successful. Amy and Angela were born joined at the chest, sharing a liver and a malformed heart, on Jone 29 at a hospital in-Maywood, Illinois. Angela has already outlived two of the three other chosen survivors in similar procedures performed previously at children's hospital, who lived six and 12 bours, respectively. The third lived three-and-a-halfmonths. Doctors said Saturday that Angela "is increasingly active with good blood pressure and good circulation." Her parents, Kenneth and Reitha remained optimistic. "the main thing here is that we tried," said Kenneth Lakeberg, "It was a planned pregnancy and we gave it planned pregnancy and we governed the coverything we got. "A funeral for Amy Lakeberg will be held Tuesday in the Lakeberg's bome town of Wheatfield, Indiana.

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Mexican defends 'miracle' water

TLACOTE (R) - Weil-water from this dusty town, said to have miraculously cured thousands suffering from everything from AIDS to cancer, has set off a row with Argentine officials who fear it may cause cholera. Jesus Chahin Simon, who owns the well, claims the water is getting an undeserved bad rap from Argentina, which has banned the water. 'This water doeso't give anyone problems. It is the first water to cure cholera," Mr. Chahin told Reuters. Argentine health officials slapped a ban on imports of the water this week saying it had oot heen analysed and could carry hacteria. The move outraged hundreds of ill people and their family members who had made the long journey from Argentina to this town 300 kilometres north of Mexico City—and were unable to leave the Buenos Aires Airport with their jugs of water. Some Argentine travel agencies had put together package tours to this small dusty town for 1,200 each, promising travellers can hring back 80 litres (17 gallons) of water. Argentine officials Friday granted a temporary reprieve lifting the ban for 72 hours.

which are damaging the Jorda-Reward for missing AIDS monkey King Hussein said he planned to make a tour of a number of

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) -The Medical University of South Africa has offered a 1,000-rand (\$295) reward for an escaped monkey used in research into acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), the Sunday Times newspaper reported. University staff, backed by a helicopter, bave been searching the bush around Pretoria since Wednesday for the monkey, which bas a rare paturally occurring form of st mian immune deficiency, the weekly newspaper said. The university said the risk of humans becoming infected with AIDS from a hite from the monkey was minimal, but still warned the public to avoid trying to catch it the Sonday Times said. It said doctors had been coodocting laboratory tests on the animal to try to find out why it is naturally limmune to HIV-like viruses, the paper said. University staff could not be reached for comment Sum not be reached for comment Sun

DUBAI (R) — Thousands of Iraqis who fled their country and took refugee at a remote desert camp in Saodi Arabia are seeking a new life in the United States. Eorope and Iran.

ited Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) representative in Saudi Arabia, said Monday 9,710 Iraqis had been resettled in other countries at their request since July last year. He said about 30,000 refugees were still at the Rafha camp in

northern Saudi Arabia, close to the Iraqi border. "Many countries are still willing to accept more refugees from Rafha," Mr. Soih told Reuters. More than 28,000 Iraqis initial-

The numbers increased until the end of 1992. But this year Saudi Arabia - which said it spent \$400 million on the upkeep of the camp up to February 1992 - stopped accepting new arriv-

countries, mostly the United States, Sweden, Finland, Norway, England, Germany, Spain, Australia, Denmark and Canada.

tarily repatriated to Iraq - 192 went back last week. Mr. Solh said the last flight took 492 refugees to the United

He said 2,006 have been volun-

States on Aug. 19. He said 1,256 refugees had gone to Iran since July 1992 and several hundred were expected to

go there in the next few weeks after they requested to join relatives who had already taken refuge from southern Iraa. Iran said earlier this month that 4.500 Iraqis, most of them diseased, had fled the southern mar-

shes and taken refuge in Iran in

the past two months and that 15.000 more could follow. Saudi Arabia said in May that 13 people were killed, including four Saudi nationals who were burnt to death, wheo riots swept the Rafha camp in March. Some

refugees demonstrated to de-

mand that Saudi authorities

admit more Iraqis. The Saudi then allowed in a few women and children but diplomats said there had since been no arrivals in the camp.

Jordan followers want inquiry into Jadid death

By Rana Sabbagh

AMMAN — Jordanian supporters of Salah Jadid, the Syrian soldier and politician who died last week after years in custody, called on Monday for an inquiry

General Jadid had been in jail since 1970, when be led the opposition to a coup by current Syrian President Hafez Al Assad. "To the name of all his com-

rades we demand a full inquiry into the death of General Salah Jadid to clear up circumstances of his death," said Hakem Fayez, a former Baath Party leader jailed with Gen. Jadid after Mr. Assad seized power.

"We urge Arah and international human rights groups to help us in this inquiry and to help in winning the release of all other prisoners, especially those who

are in poor health. Mr. Fayez was a member of the regional command of the Syrian Arab Baath Socialist Party and was among Syrian, Jordanian and Iraqi Party officials jailed in July 1971. Syria freed him this year.

Gen. Jadid, 69, was the party's assistant secretary-general and leader of the pro-communist faction opposed to Mr. Assad.

the house of a son-in-law of Gen.

Jadid in an Amman suburb on Monday to offer their condolences but the circumstances of his death remained unclear

There are many uoanswered

Relatives and supporters said his family found out about his

them they should go to Tishreen hospital because Gen. Jadid is there for treatment," said one man in touch with the family...

pital floor before his family arrived. There was not even a doctor or norse to tell them anything. His body was swollen, a sign that he died several days back. There was dried blood Hundreds of Jordanians visited around bis ears, mouth and

questions as to the way be died. The actual date of his death, in what condition he was taken from into how he died.

jail to hospital, when he was removed and what kind of medical treatment he received at the hospital," said a Jadid supporter who asked not to be identified.

Syria has oot officially announced Gen. Jadid's death but death notices appeared in some Damascus streets and near the hospital where his family saw his body on Friday, relatives said.

death on Thursday only when they went to get routine permission to visit Gen. Jadid in jail. "They (police) kept them waiting for two hours before telling

"They emptied the whole hos-

(Continued from page I) damentalist plot to assassinate

him in June. Ten people accused of hatching the plot, including six cadets at the Muta University, will "be

brought to justice soon," the King said.
"Everyone will be able to follow the details of the plot and its

implications," be said. The other four accused in the plot are leaders of the outlawed Islamie Liberation Party (ILP). Officials said on Aug. 14 that eight ILP members and army cadets had been arrested in connection with a plot to assassinate the King while be presided over the academy's graduation cere-

mony in June. Two others are on the run and will be tried in absentia.

"The plot was discovered while it was being planned, and those directly implicated were arrested," the King said.

King Husseio said he was "tery shocked" when he heard of the plot but "not surprised because there have been frequent attacks" on him during his 41year reign. "Attempts on my life over the

King: No reversal of decision to cut ties

past years never stopped despite the fact that I feel the happiest person in view of the respect and affection from the Jordanian family," the King said.
"Throughoot the Arab and Islamie history and since the early

caliphate days, prominent people have been exposed to assassination attempts by certain groups here and there. I am a believer in God and accept His judgement,' "We had wanted Mota to be a unique university by all means,

and, with God's help, it will be ," the King said. Noting that Muta is in need of

reorganisatioo in certain areas.

"It had never occurred to me

Arafat arrives, says Jericho no substitute

(Continued from page 1)

PLO sources said Mr. Darwish resigned because he did not want to be associated with more con-

cessions at peace talks with Israel

and to protest at the PLO's financial crisis. Mr. Arafat said his visit to Jordan was primarily aimed at "reviewing the negotiating pro-

cess with King Hussein." "We are nearing the 11th round of peace negotiations and that needs more consultations and discussions," Mr. Arafat told

His Majesty's viewpoint (on the peace process) ... in order to be possible in the next round of government in other areas.

able to cootinue in this difficult, important and historic time that we all are undergoing."

ness, unity and solidarity among all the Arabs," he added. The foreign ministers of the Arah countries taking part in the peace negotiations with Israel will

But all the parties, including the Palestinians, are expected to

"There is a possibility of major

Japan and Singapore.

nian economy."

indications," Executive Committee member Yasser Abed-Rabbo told Reuters after arriving in Amman with Mr. Arafat. He would not elaborate but

linked a possible "hreakthrough" with Israel's acceptance of the Palestinian proposal for with-drawal from the Gaza Strip and Jericho as a step towards Palestiman interim self-government in

would be within the framework of

Iraqis in Saudi camp seek refuge abroad

Abdul Mawla Al Solh, the Un-

ly took refuge at the camp after the 1991 Gulf war over Iraq's

invasion of Kuwait. Some were former prisonersof-war who refused to go home, others had fled fighting in southern Iraq between Iraqi troops and

Mr. Solh said 7.704 Iraqi re-Afghan general conducts clean-up of militias

Agence France Presse HERAT, Afghanistan - Former pro-communist militia hands which have taken to banditry in western Afghanistan are being disarmed in a special cleanup operation, a spokesman for regional leader Ismael Khan said.

By Terence White

."In response to a request from the people of Badghis province, Ismael Khan decided to undertake a military clean-up with collection of heavy weapons," said Yousef, foreign affairs spokesman for General Ismael Khan.

He said that in an operation beguo ooe mooth ago, 1,000 small arms, such as Kalashnikov assault rifles, 50 artillery pieces and rocket launchers, and one million rounds of ammunition have been surrendered in four districts of Badghis province, in the western corner of Afghanistan bordering the former Soviet republic of Turkmenistan.

Mr. Yousef said the operation of 600 men under Gen. Ismael Khan's personal command was still underway, with just one district remaining.

Gen. Ismael Khan, one of the most famous rebel commanders in Afghanistan, who became governor of Herat province after the early 1992 defeat of the Moscowbacked Afghan communist regime, has already extended his influence into other neighbouring provinces of Ghor, Farah, Nimroz and Helmand.

Ghor province was the most recent to have been brought under Gen. Ismael Khan's administration, said Gen. Alauhuddin Khan, commander of Herat's 17th infantry division, who was in charge of this operatioo. Although a general amnesty

was offered to defeated former

April 1992, a large number of militia in Herat and Farah provinces, who had kept heavy and light weapons, tried in October 1992 to recapture Herat city and

the operational Shindand airbase, some 80 kilometres to the south. Said to be banked by Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's Hezb-e-Islami faction, the coup attempt was defeated by Gen. Ismael Khan, hut small bands of militia who had escaped capture existed as bandits in the surrounding countryside.

These militias continued to commit the same crimes against the people that they did before the Islamic victory," said Gen. Alauhuddin Khan. They blockaded the main

roads, looted and killed," he Due to Gen. Ismael Khan's efforts in disarming these groups

communist regime soldiers in of bandits, the national highway from Herat to Kandahar is now open for regular traffic night and day, he added. In conjunction with cleaning up nnlawful armed groups, Gen.

Ismael Khan is rebuilding the Afghan army by recruiting rebel fighters into new provincial regiments and divisions. "We bave invited all Mojahedeen groups to join the new

army, including Hezb-e-Islami,"

said Gen. Alguhuddin Khan.

However there are some in Herat who see Gen. Ismael Khan, who like former Defence Minister Ahmad Shah Masoud belongs to the Jamiat-e-Islami faction, as an empire builder brooking no opposition faction.

"Whoever is opposed to Jamiat called a militia," observed a Jordan Television. He said he wanted to "listen to Herat resident who doubted the presence of real ex-communist militias in Badghis province.

"This time needs more firm-

meet in Beirut on Friday to annouoce formally whether they will send negotiators back to the

attend the talks. A PLO official said meanwhile.

a breakthrough over interim selfrule for the occupied territories is

progress happening in the coming round of talks based on certain

the occupied territories. Mr. Abed Rabbo said a move

a wider agreement on self-